



**EHA-GBMTA-AHA Hematology  
Tutorial:  
New aspects in diagnostic choices  
and treatment options of  
hematological malignancies**

**Indolent B cell lymphomas: current  
management and ongoing challenges**

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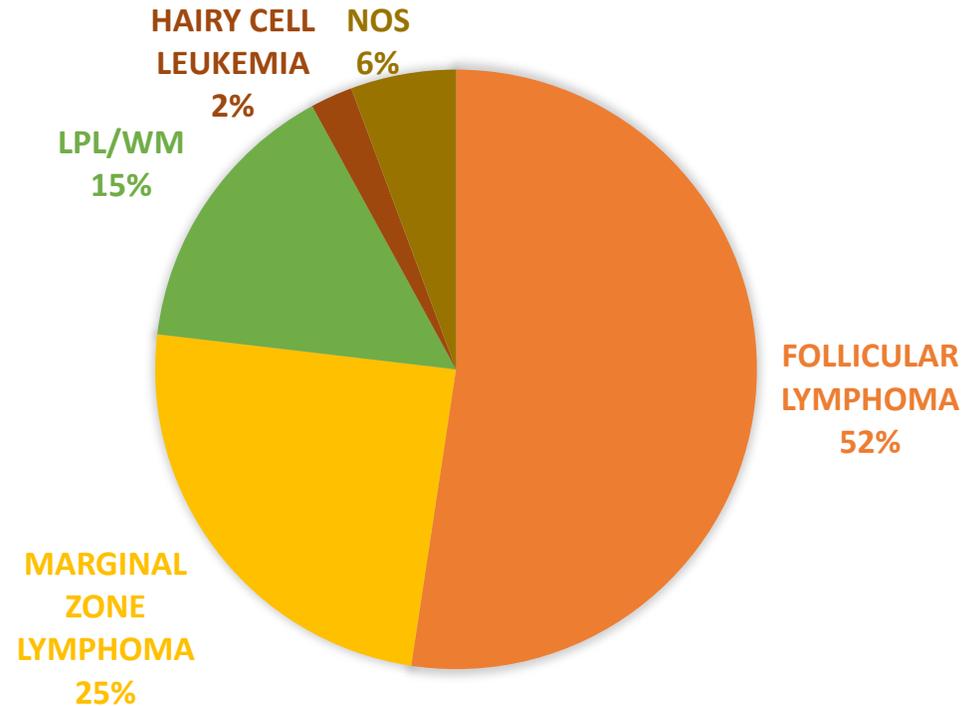
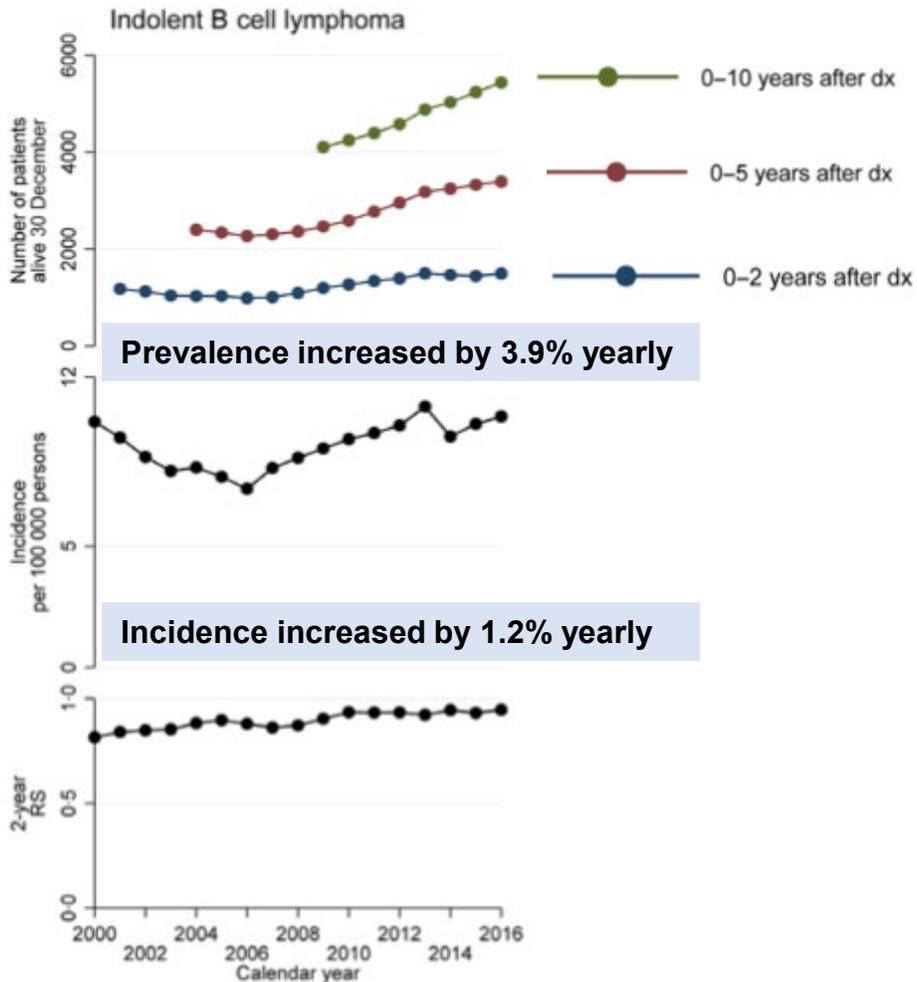
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## Learning goals

- To recognize the epidemiology, clinical patterns and outcomes of the most frequent indolent lymphoma subtypes
  - Follicular lymphoma
  - Marginal zone lymphoma
  - Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia
- To discuss prognostic factors and management according to disease and patient characteristics
- To understand the role of novel treatments in indolent lymphomas

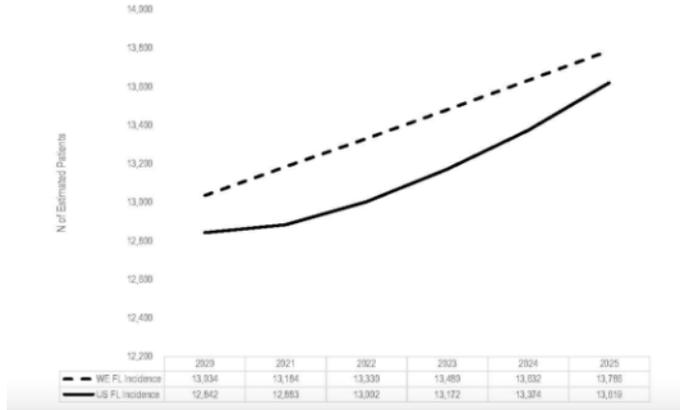
# Indolent B cell lymphomas: 30 to 40% of all lymphoma cases



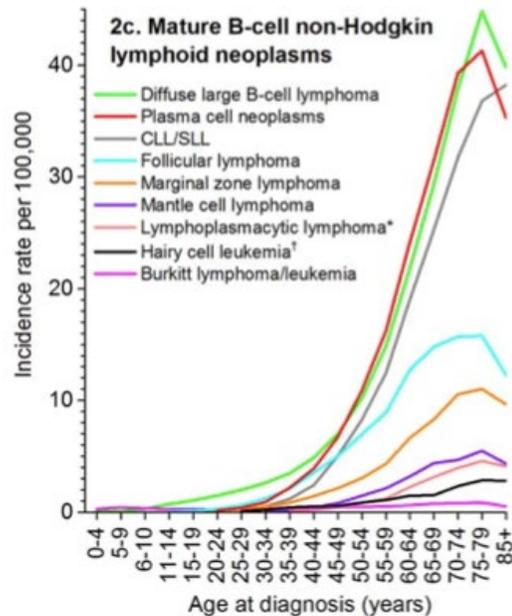
N=441 cases of iNHL diagnosed 2021-2023 at IPOL

- Indolent lymphomas: 30-40% of all NHL
- Half of iNHL are Follicular lymphomas
- Prolonged survival ⇒ increasing prevalence
- Non curable with conventional treatment

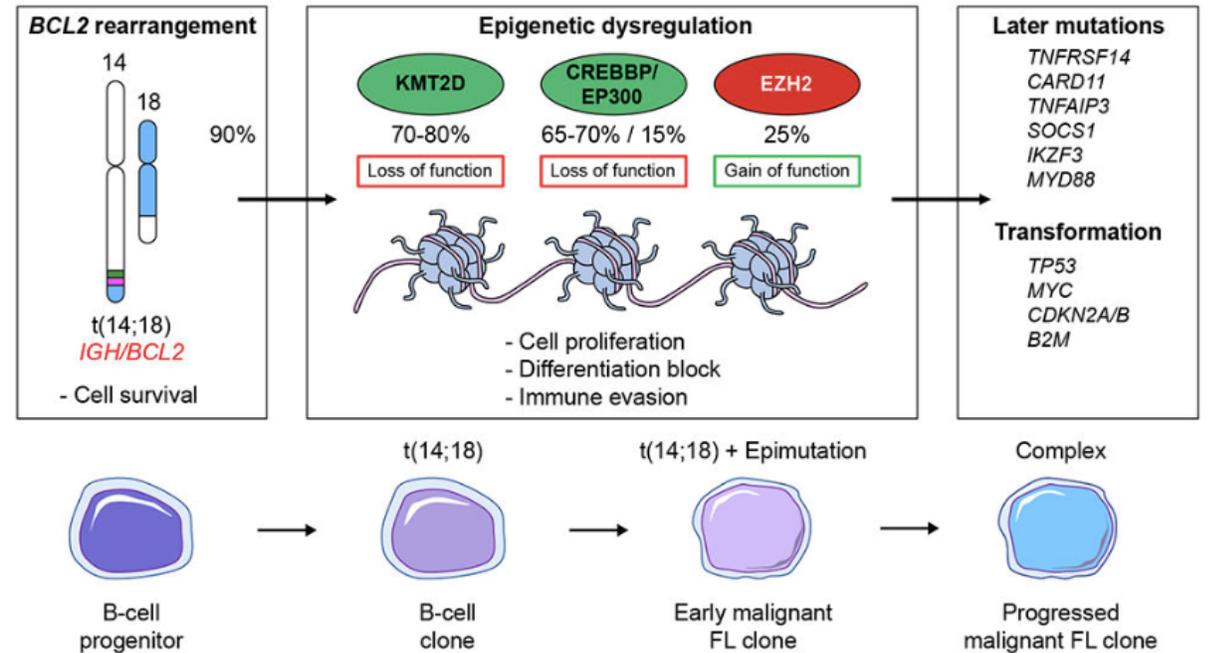
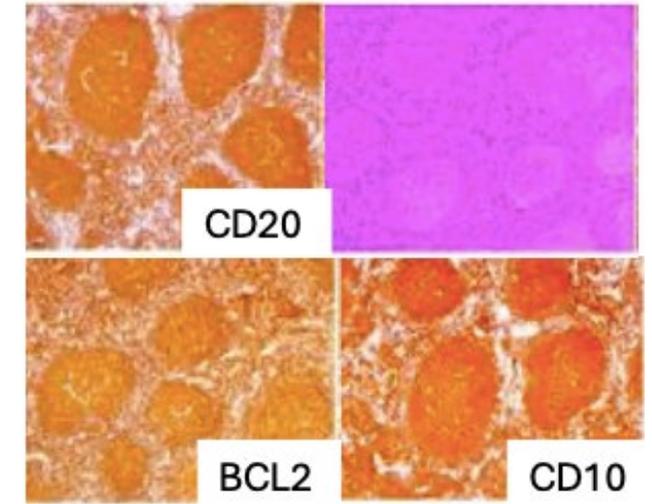
# Follicular lymphoma is the most frequent iNHL



Kanas et al. Leuk Lymphoma. 2022 Jan;63(1):54-63



Median age at diagnosis **64 yo** (SEER registry)



Cahill C et al. Oncology (Williston Park). 2022 February 08; 36(2): 97-106.



# Current classifications

## WHO 5

### Follicular lymphoma

- **Classic FL (former FL G1-G3A)**
- Predominantly diffuse
- FL with unusual cytological features
- Follicular large B cell lymphoma (former FL3B)

In situ follicular neoplasm

Duodenal type FL

Pediatric type FL

Primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma

## ICC

### **Follicular lymphoma (grade 1-3A; 3B)**

- In situ follicular neoplasia
- Duodenal type FL

BCL2 negative, CD23 positive follicle center lymphoma

Primary cutaneous follicle center lymphoma

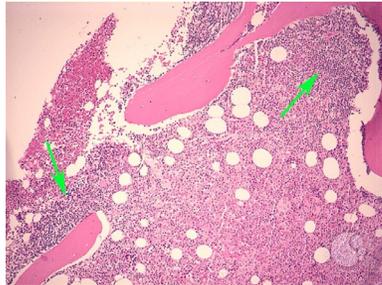
Pediatric type FL

Testicular follicular lymphoma

Large B cell lymphoma with IRF4 rearrangement

# How do we stage FL and assess prognosis?

## Staging



ASH databank

- Clinical examination
- CBC and chemistry panel
- Protein electrophoresis
- Viral serologies

Risk factors	FLIPI	FLIPI2	PRIMA PI
	Age >60 yrs	Age>60 yrs	
	Hb <120g/L	Hb <120g/L	
	LDH >normal	BM involvement	BM involvement
	Stage III/IV	B2M >normal	B2M>normal
	>4 nodal sites	Tumor mass>6 cm	

## RISK GROUPS

Low: 5y OS 91%  
 Int: 5y OS 78%  
 High: 5y OS 53%

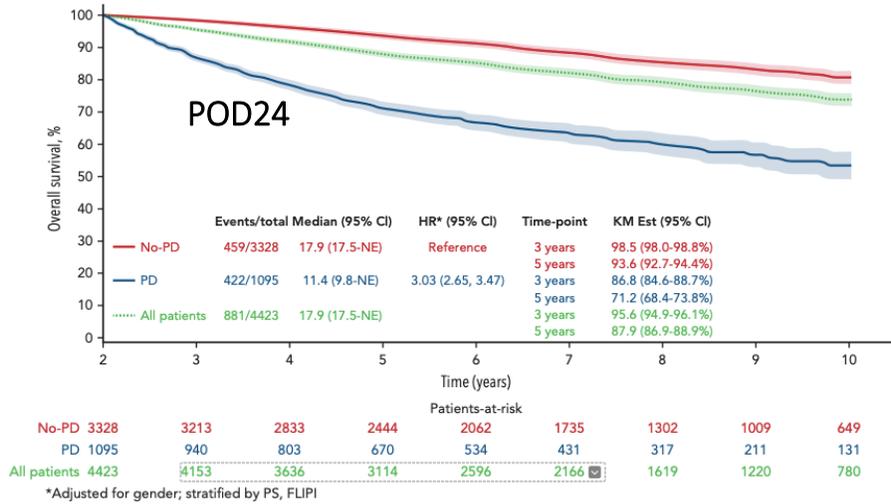
Low: 5y PFS 69%  
 Int: 5y PFS 55%  
 High 5y PFS 37%

Low 3y PFS 86%  
 High 3yPFS 68%

Solal-Céligny P et al. *Blood*. 2004;104:1258-1265.  
 Federico M et al. *J Clin Oncol*. 2009;27:4555-4562.  
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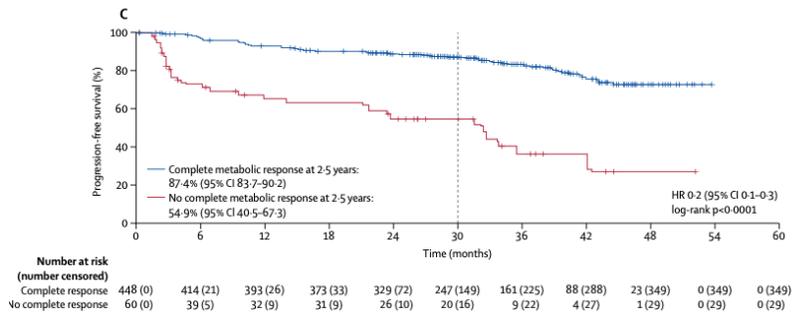
# Additional factors impacting outcome

## Early progression and survival in FL patients: the FLASH analysis



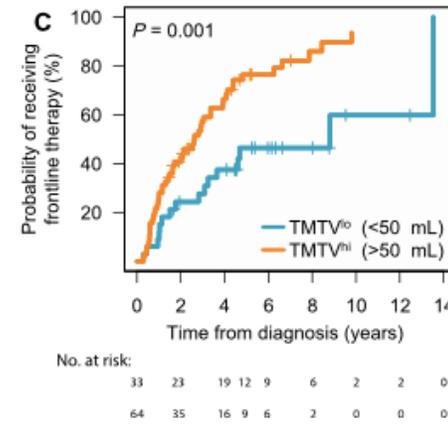
Casulo C et al, Blood 2022, 139(11): 1684

## End of Induction metabolic response ⇒ PFS outcomes in GALLIUM



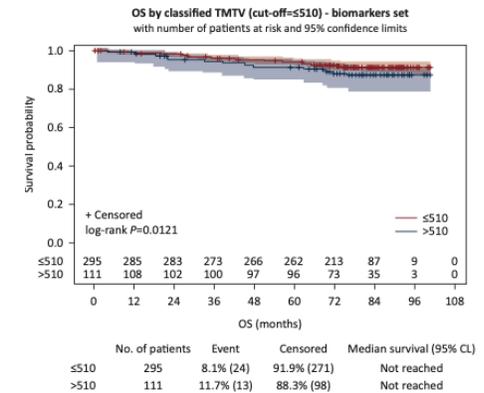
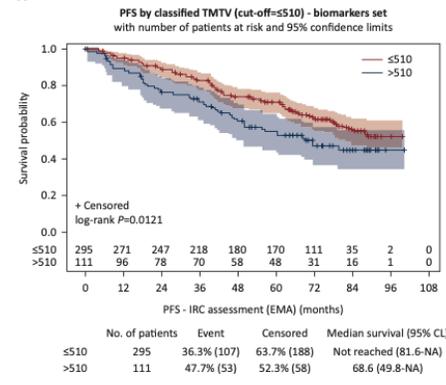
Trotman J et al, Lancet Oncol 2018, doi.org/10.1016/S1470-2045(18)30618-1

## MTV in low tumor burden ⇒ probability of receiving treatment



Mozas P et al, Hematol Oncol. 2024 Jan;42(1):e3235

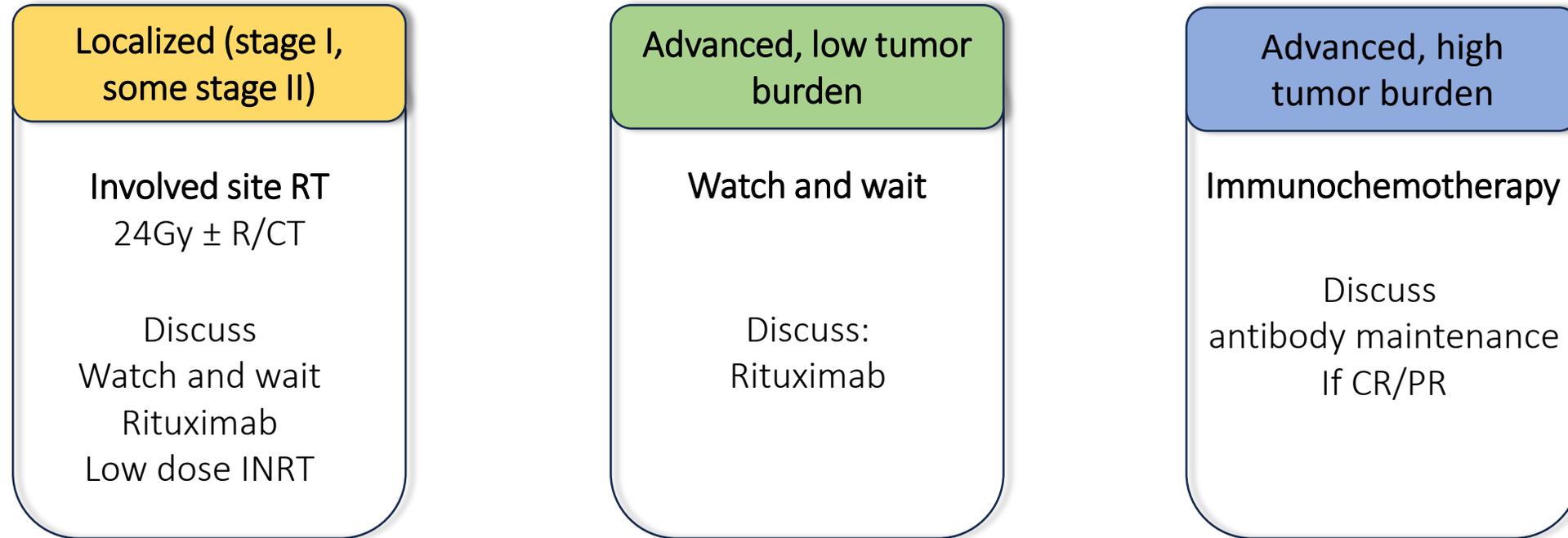
## MTV in high tumor burden ⇒ outcomes



Cottreau A et al. nn Oncol. 2024 Jan;35(1):130-137



# Treatment is still decided according to tumor burden, extension and symptoms



10-20%

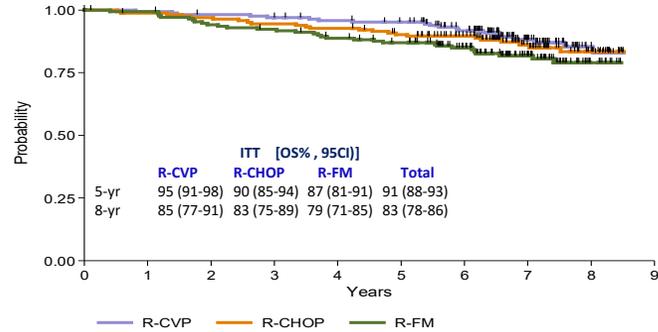
High tumor burden  
GELF criteria  
BNLI criteria

Any nodal or EN mass >7cm
Involvement of ≥3 nodal sites each with ≥3 cm
B symptoms
Splenomegaly below the umbilical line
Compressive syndrome
Pleural or peritoneal effusion
Leukemic phase
Cytopenias

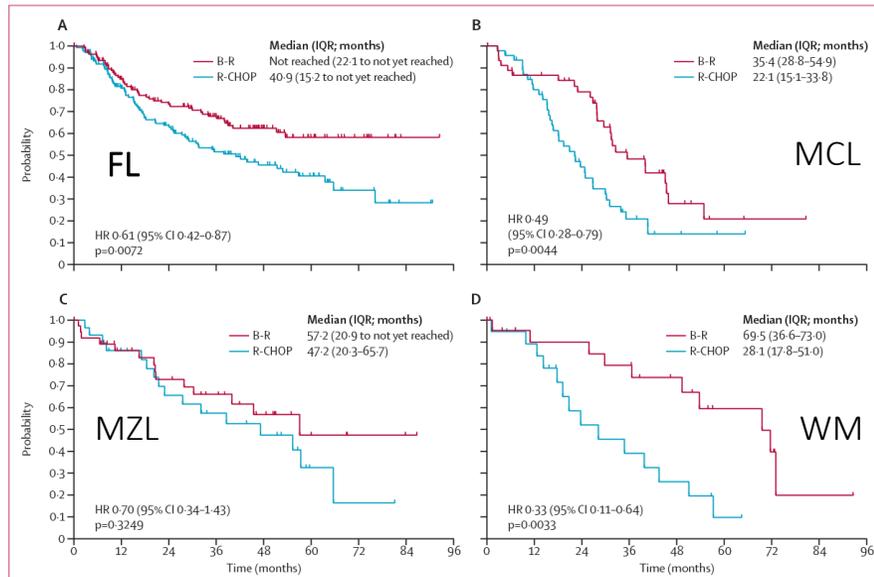
# Treatment of advanced disease: what happened after Rituximab introduction?

Chemotherapy (CHOP, CVP, MCP, CHVP) plus Rituximab prolongs survival – HR 0.63 (95% CI 0.51-0.69)

## Impact of chemotherapy regimen

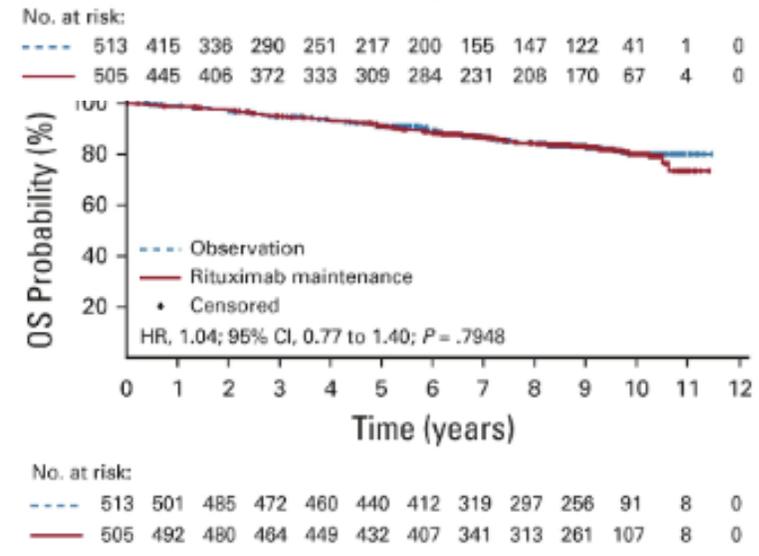
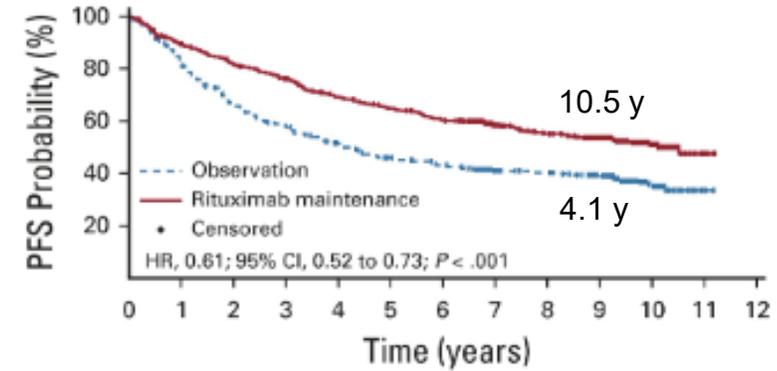


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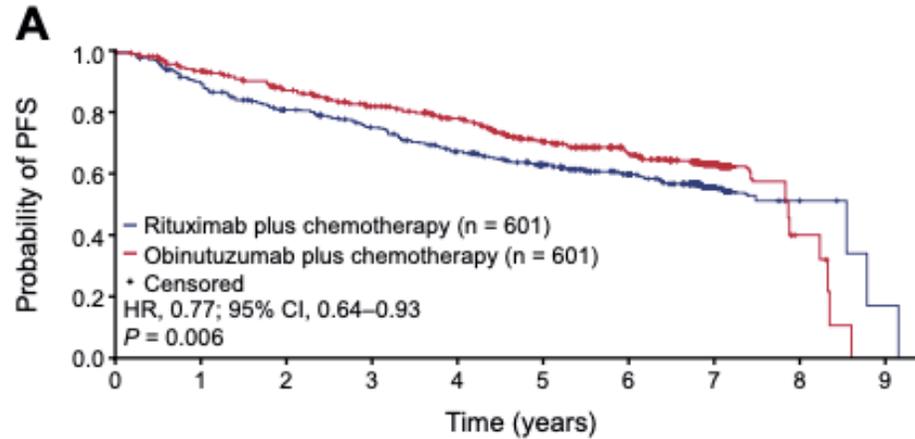
## Impact of maintenance in responders: the PRIMA trial



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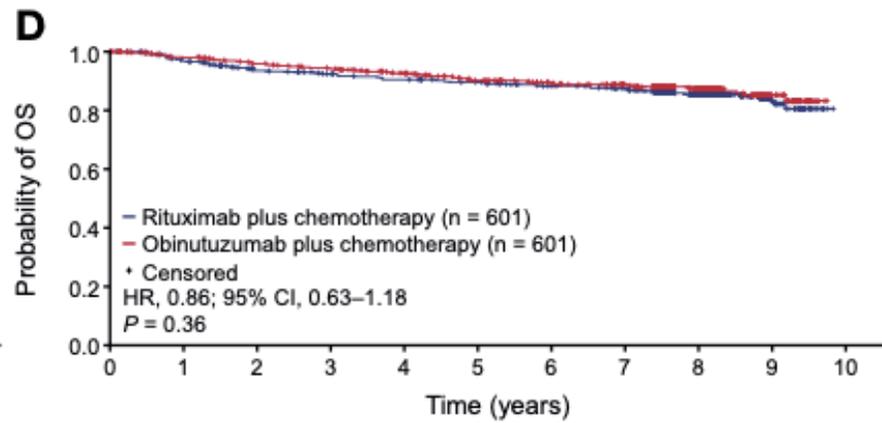
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## Impact of different anti CD20 moAb: the GALLIUM study



No. of patients at risk

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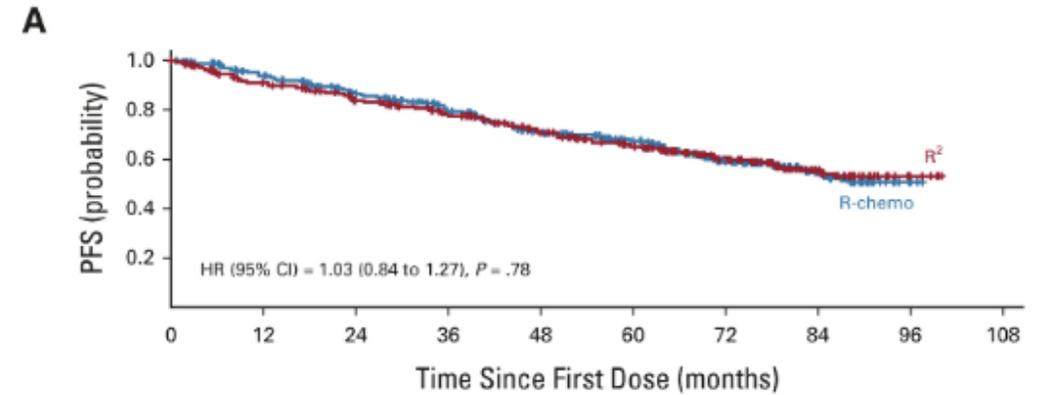


No. of patients at risk

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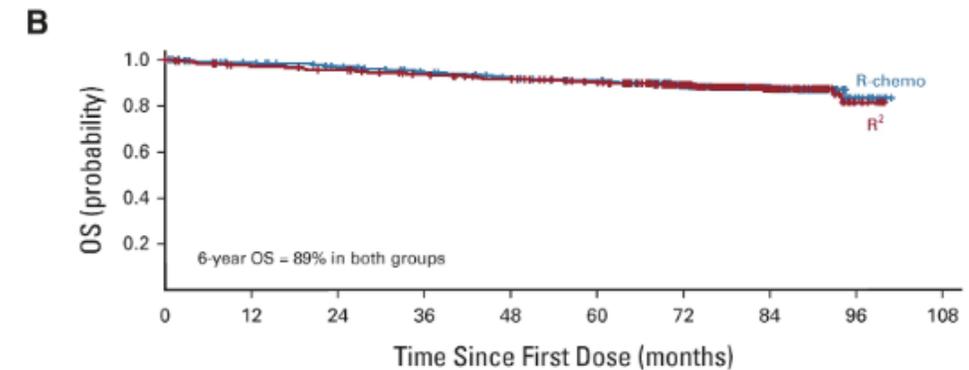
Townsend W ET AL. Hemasphere. 2023 Jun 30;7(7):e919

## Rituximab Lenalidomide as 1L treatment: the RELEVANCE trial



No. at risk:

R-chemo	517	446	390	333	277	243	146	56	3	0
R <sup>2</sup>	513	412	370	328	281	242	157	51	5	0



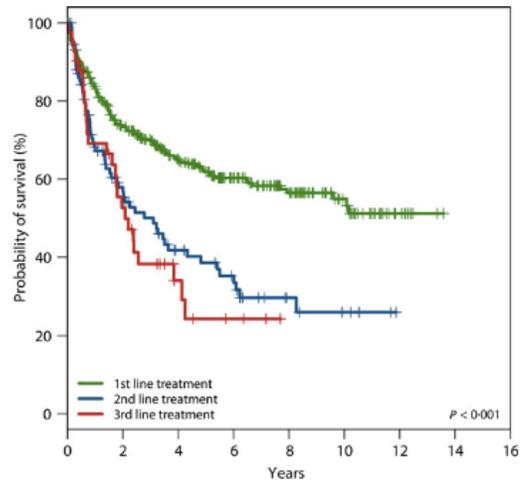
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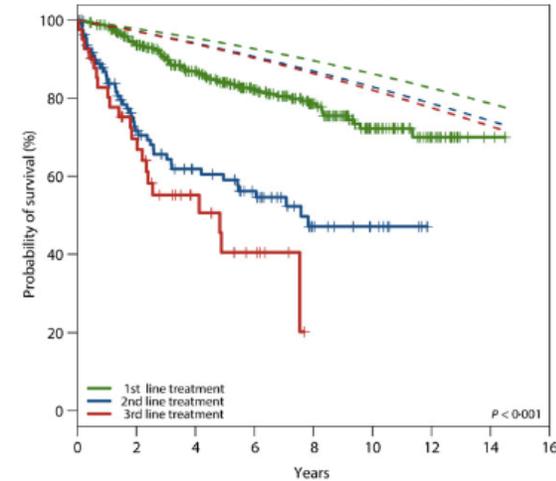
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# Expected clinical course

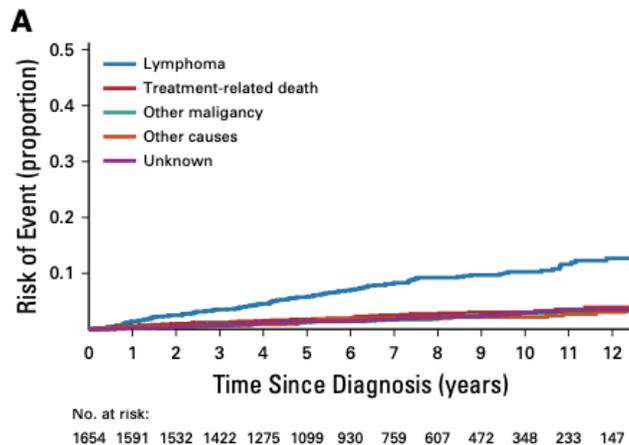


No. at risk:	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
1st line treatment	348	210	148	100	62	31	7	0	0
2nd line treatment	111	47	27	20	8	5	0	0	0
3rd line treatment	41	19	7	3	0	0	0	0	0

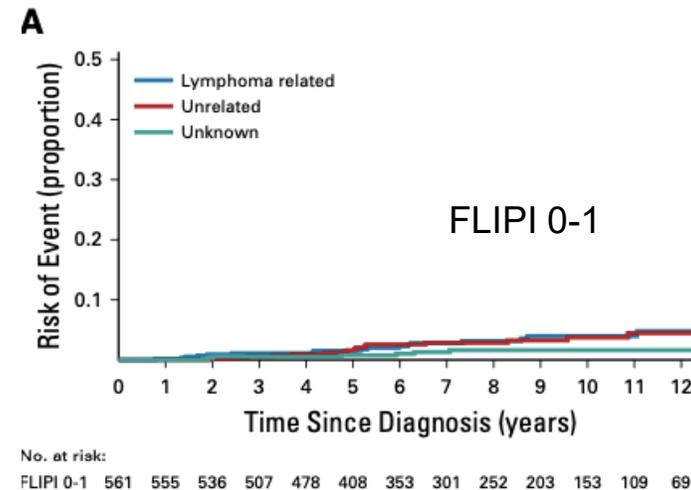


No. at risk:	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
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2nd line treatment	111	62	45	35	14	8	0	0	0
3rd line treatment	41	25	12	6	0	0	0	0	0

Rivas-Delgado A et al. Br J Haematol. 2019 Mar;184(5):753-759.



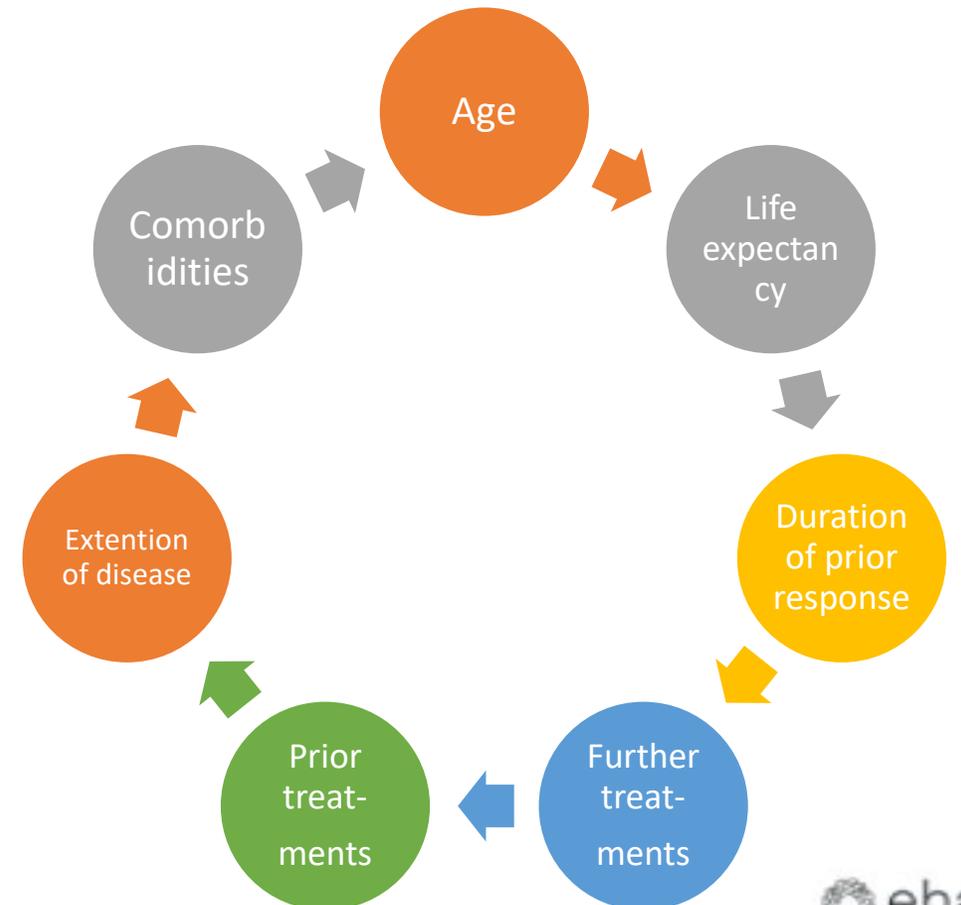
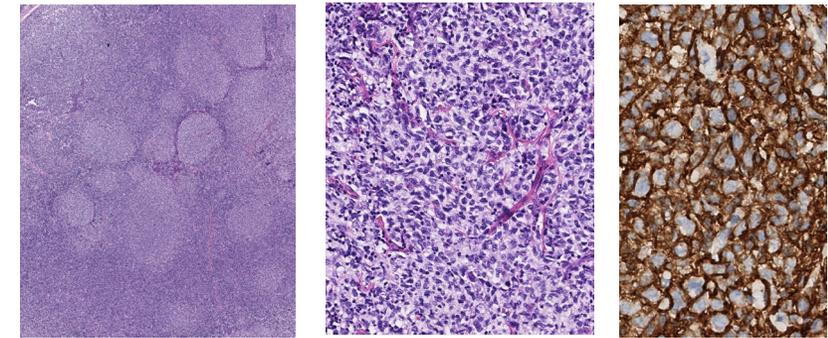
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# Challenges in the treatment of RR FL

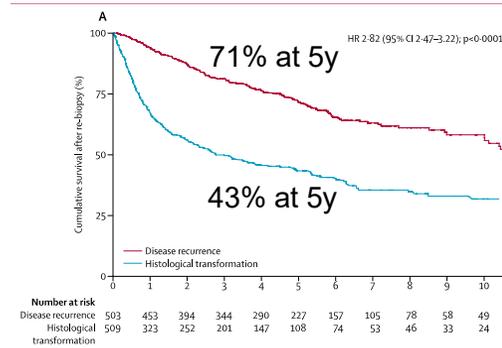
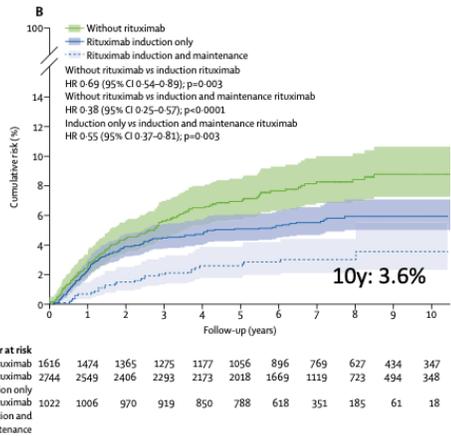
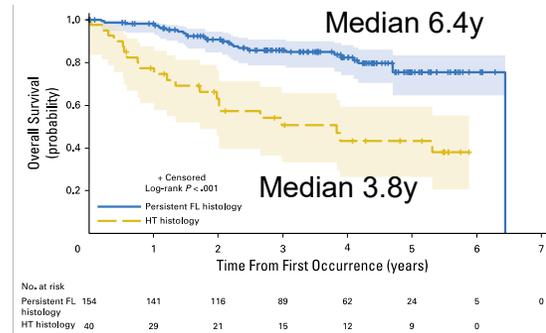
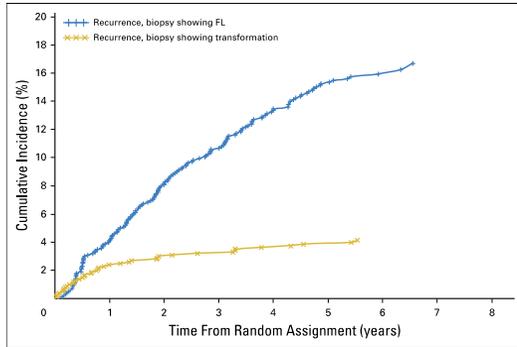
- Has **transformation** occurred?  
⇒ Always **repeat biopsy at relapse** (if possible PET guided)
- Which is the optimal **sequence of treatments**?  
Mostly phase 2 trials at relapse  
Heterogeneous populations in trials  
No evaluation of treatment sequencing
- What are the **short and long term toxicities** of available options?
- How does treatment **choices impact further treatments**?

Personalize treatment

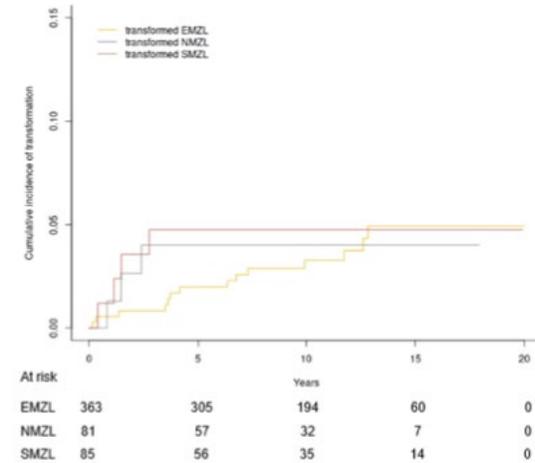


# Transformation of indolent lymphomas

## Follicular Lymphoma



## Marginal Zone Lymphoma



### Cumulative incidence of

- At 5y: 2.7% (5% in meta-analysis of 6 studies)
- At 10y: 3.6% (8% in meta-analysis of 6 studies)

HR for death: 3.96 (95% CI 2.06-7.55)

Risk factors:  $\geq 2$ EN sites, MALT IPI  $\geq 2$

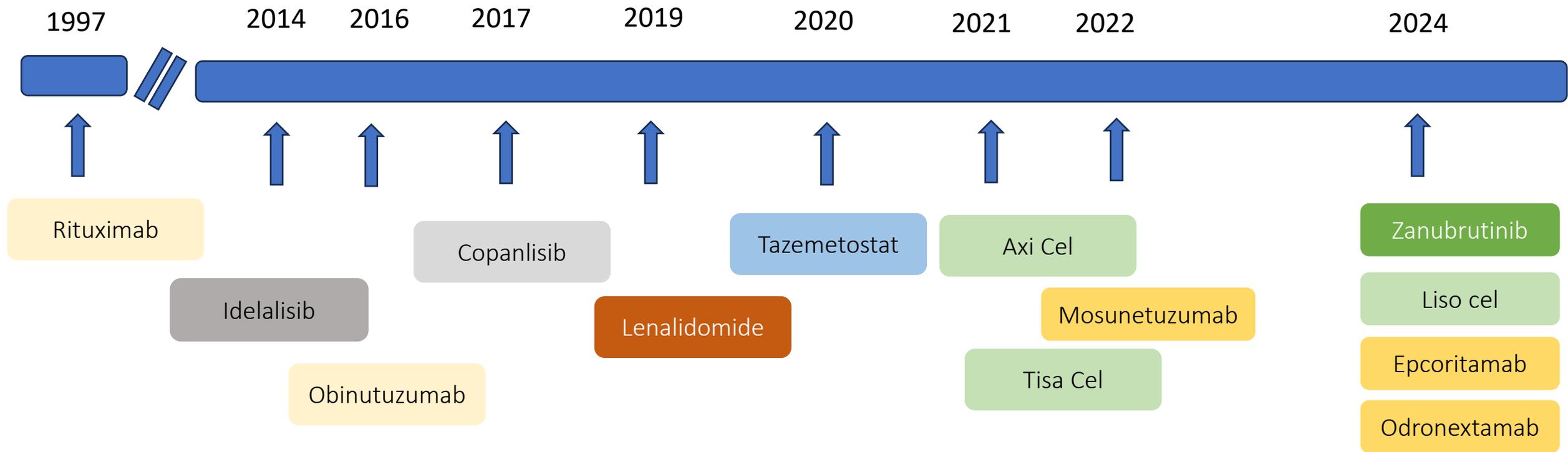
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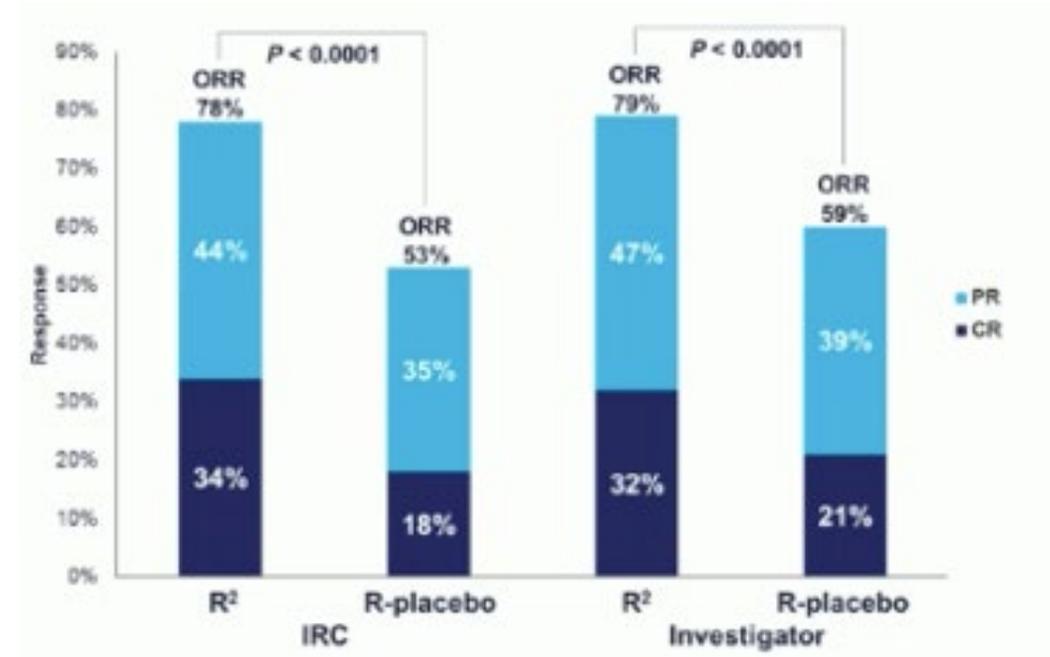
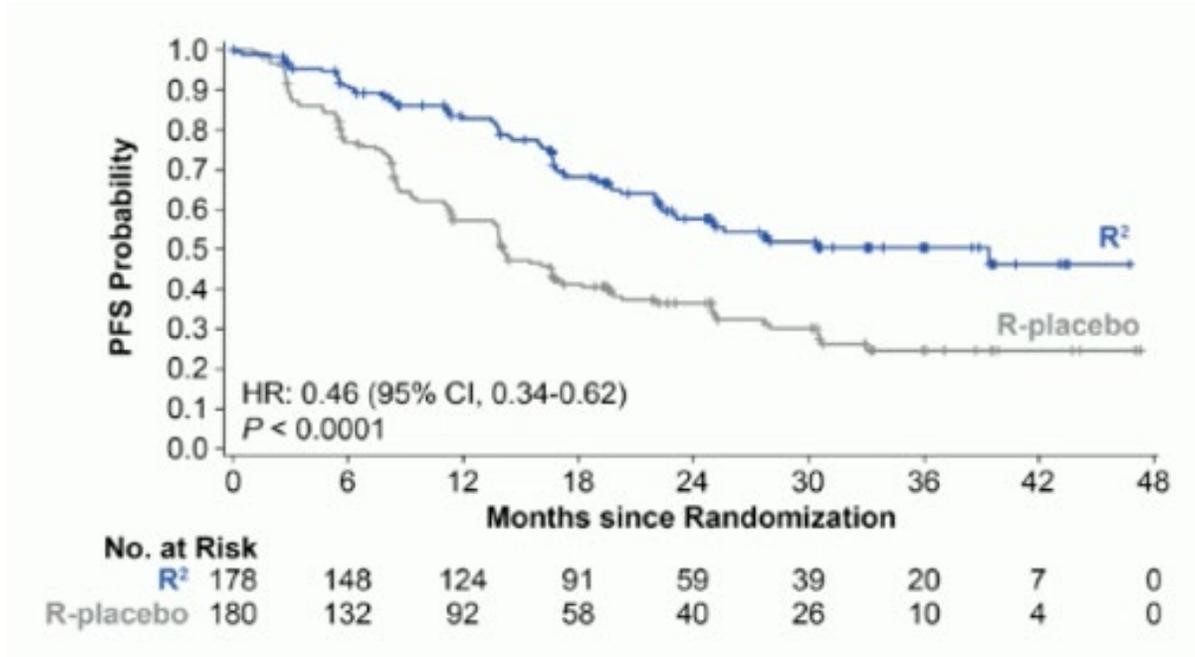
Bommier C et al. *Blood Adv.* 2024 Sep 25: bloodadvances



# Non-chemotherapy options are growing for FL



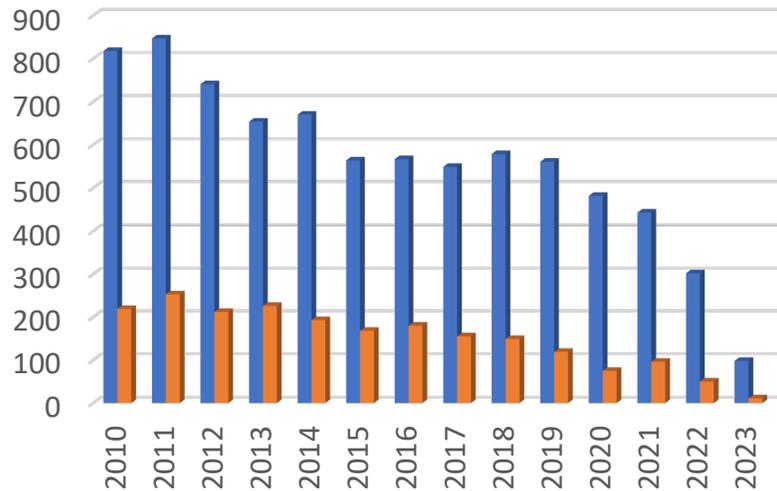
# AUGMENT trial: Rituximab Lenalidomide improve PFS (and OS) in RR FL



Leonard JP et al. J Clin Oncol. 2019;37:1188-99.

# Is there a role for transplant in relapsed refractory FL patients?

## Follicular Lymphoma



■ Auto-HCT ■ Allo-HCT

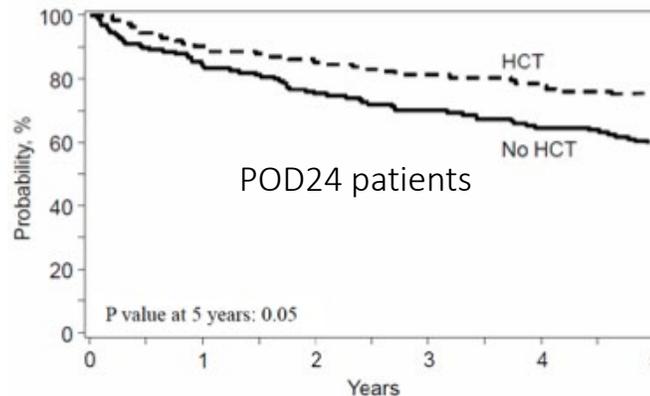
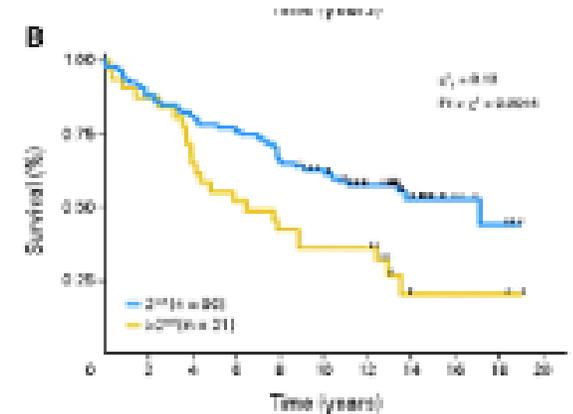
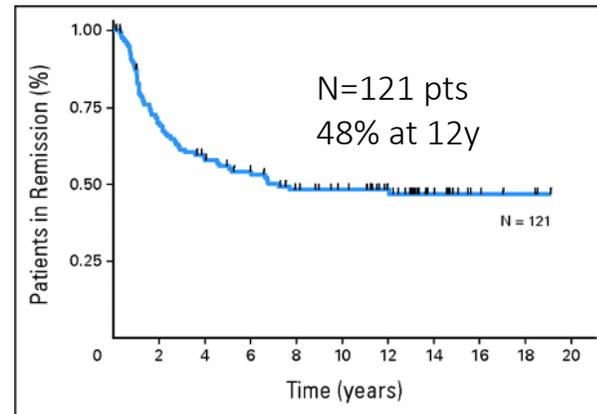
**Auto-HCT**  
(2010-2022)

**Allo-HCT**  
(2010-2022)

**- 75.2%**

**- 63.1%**

## ASCT

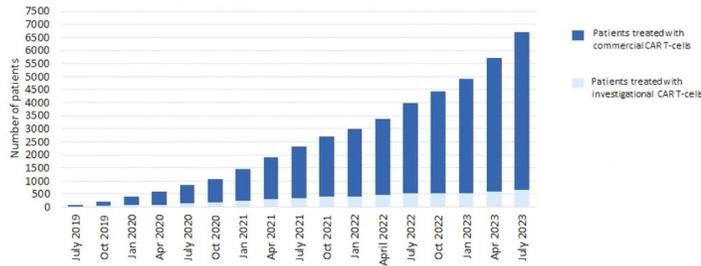


N= 174 ETF patients from NLCS  
N= 379 ETF patients from CIBMTR

# CAR Ts for Follicular Lymphoma: updated follow up of three phase 2 trials

## CAR T cell activity reported to EBMT\*

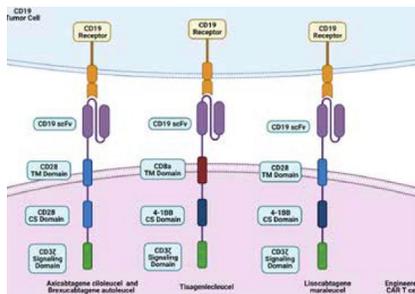
Number of CAR T-cell treated patients registered in the EBMT Registry



Source: EBMT Registry, July 2023

\*Patients identified and marked with a CAR T-cell treatment, having at least minimal data on the diagnosis and treatment.

\*increased by 27% in 2022; variable between countries



Wells D et al, *J Hematol Oncol Pharm.* 2022;12(1):30-42

Neelapu S et al, *Blood* 2024, 143 (6):496-506

Dreyling M et al, *Blood* 2024 doi: 10.1182/blood.2023021567.

Morschhauser F et al, *ICML* 2023, LBA4

	ZUMA 5 (n=127 pts), FU 40m	ELARA (n=97 pts) FU 29m	TRANSCEND FL 001 (n=124 pts) FU 16.6-17.5m
Age	60 (34-79)	57 (29-73)	62 (23-80)
Male	59%	66%	64%
Stage III-IV	86%	85.6%	88%
FLIPI $\geq$ 3	44%	60%	57%
Bulky	51% (GELF)	65%	53% (GELF)
Prior lines, median (range)	3 (1-10)	<b>4 (2-13)</b>	3 (2-10)
Refractory to last treatment line	69%	78%	67%
POD24	<b>56%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>43%</b>
Prior ASCT	24%	36%	31%
Prior Bendamustine	69%	---	
Received bridging	<b>4%</b>	45%	38%
CRS G $\geq$ 3	<b>7%</b>	0%	1%
ICANS G $\geq$ 3	<b>15%</b>	1%	2%
ORR	94%	86%	97%
CR	79%	68%	94%

# ELARA – long term results with Tisa Cel

Median FU 29 mo

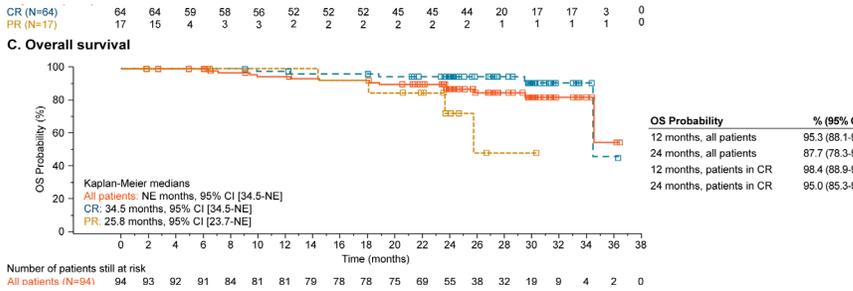
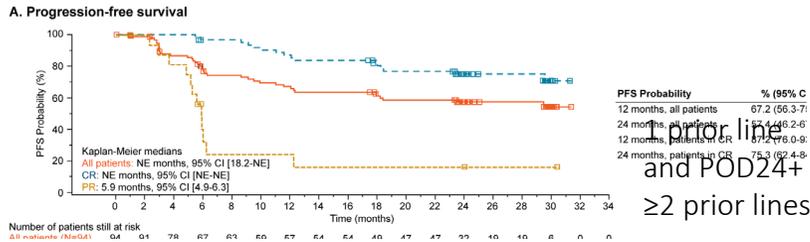


Figure 1

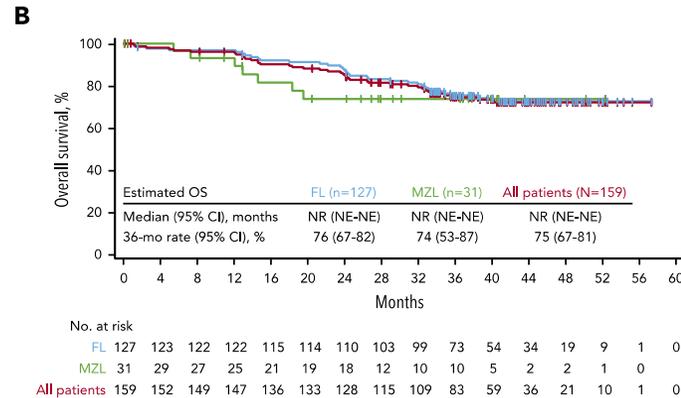
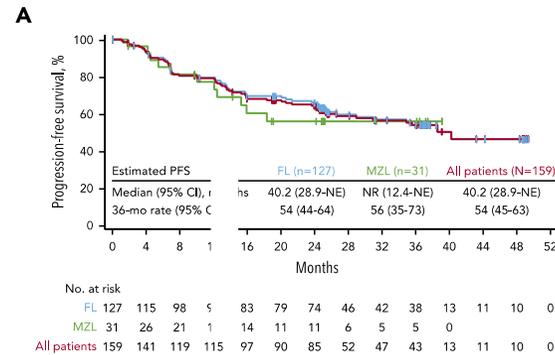


1 prior line and POD24+ ≥2 prior lines

Dreyling M et al, Blood 2024 doi: 10.1182/blood.2023021567

# ZUMA 5 – long term results with Axi Cel

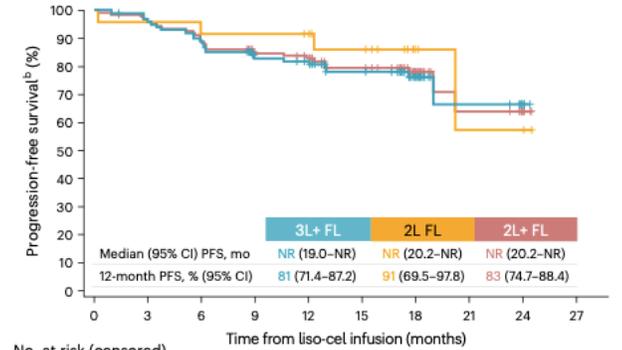
Median FU 40 mo



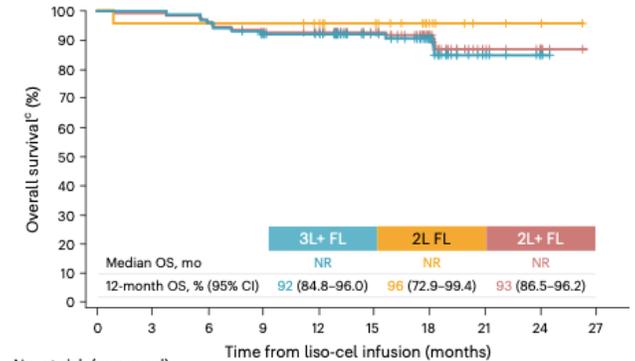
Neelapu S et al, Blood 2024, 143 (6):496-506

# TRANSCEND FL – results with Liso Cel

Median FU 17.5- 17.8 mo



No. at risk (censored)	3L+ FL	2L FL	2L+ FL
101 (0)	96 (1)	89 (0)	78 (6)
72 (3)	50 (20)	19 (30)	7 (11)
2 (5)	0 (2)	0 (0)	0 (0)



No. at risk (censored)	3L+ FL	2L FL	2L+ FL
101 (0)	101 (0)	97 (0)	90 (3)
86 (4)	63 (23)	38 (24)	11 (25)
3 (8)	0 (3)	0 (2)	0 (0)

Morschhauser F et al, Nat Med 2024, 30: 2199-2207



# CD3-CD20 bispecific antibodies approved for Follicular Lymphoma

	Mosunetuzumab (n=90) (median FU 36 mo)*	Odronextamab (n=128) (median FU 20.1 mo)**	Epcoritamab (n=128) (median FU 17.4 mo)***
Age	60 (53-67)	61 (22-84)	65 (55-72)
% Male	61	53	62%
% Stage III-IV	77	85	91
% FLIPI 3-5	44.4	58	51
Bulky	---	14	20 (> 6cm)
Median prior lines	<b>3 (2-4)</b>	<b>3 (2-13)</b>	<b>3 (2-4)</b>
% Prior ASCT	21	30	19
% POD 24	<b>52</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>42</b>
% 1ary refractory/refractory to last treatment line	/69	/72	54/69
% ORR/CR	<b>78/60</b>	<b>80/72</b>	<b>82/62</b>
DoR/ DoCR mo	35.9/NR	21.7/25 (17.7-NR)	52.2%/78.4% at 18m
PFS mo	<b>24 mo</b>	<b>20.7 (16.7-26.5)</b>	<b>15.5 mo</b> (49% and 74% PSF at 18m for ORR/CR)
OS	NR	NR	NR (70% at 18 m)
% CRS	44% ( <b>G≥3 2.2%</b> )	56% ( <b>G≥3 1.7%</b> step up dosing)	66% ( <b>G≥3 2%</b> )
% ICANS	39 (G≥3 3%)	1 pt (G<3)	6% (G≥3 0%)

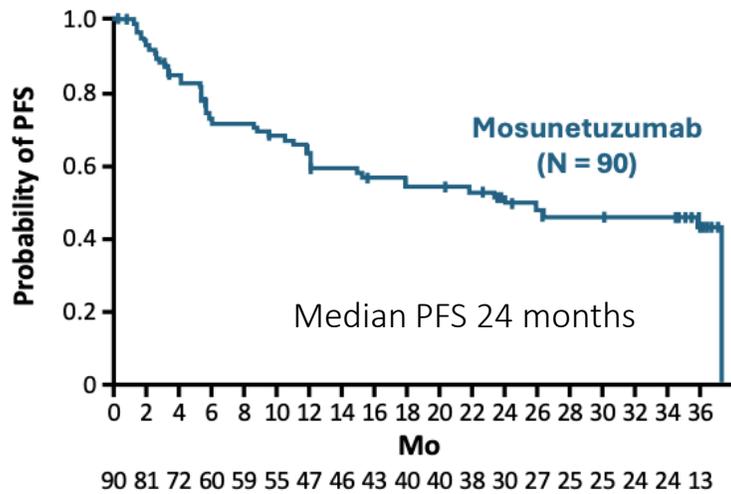
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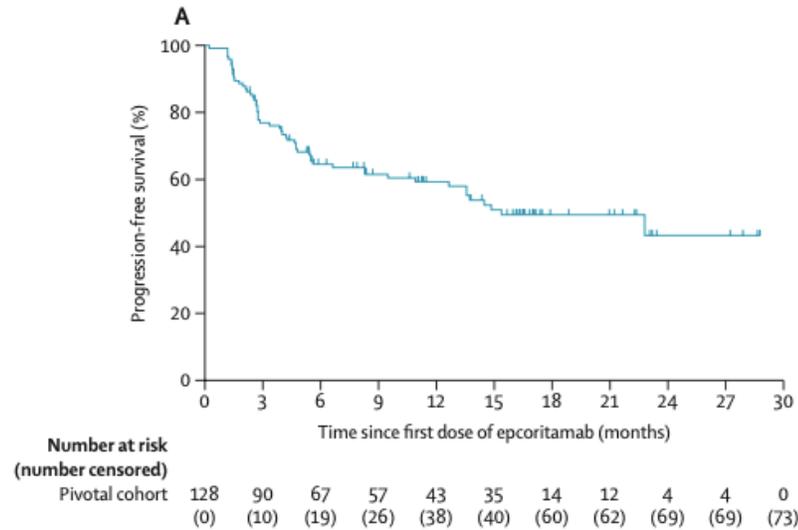
# Assessment of long term outcomes will need prolonged follow up

## Mosunetuzumab



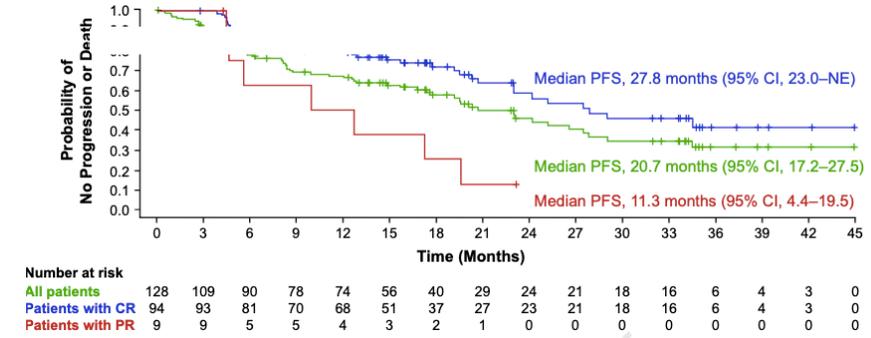
36 month follow up

## Epcoritamab



17.4 month follow up

## Odronextamab



20.1 month follow up

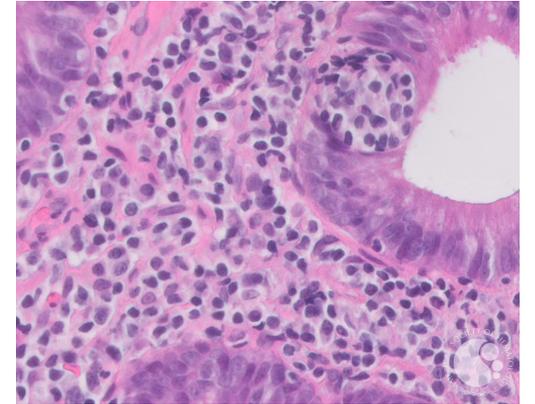
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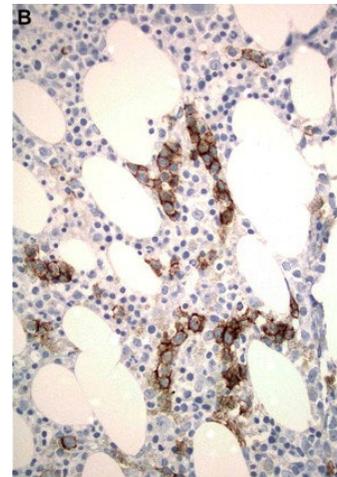
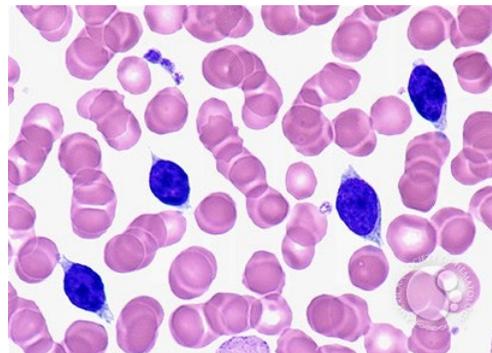
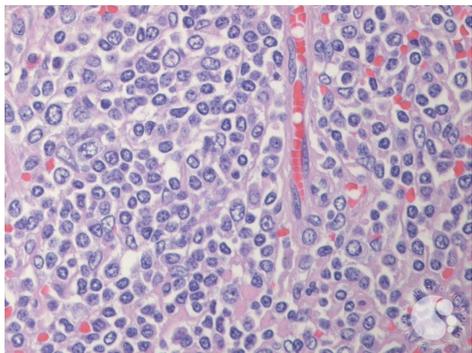
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# Marginal zone lymphomas: different entities under the same name

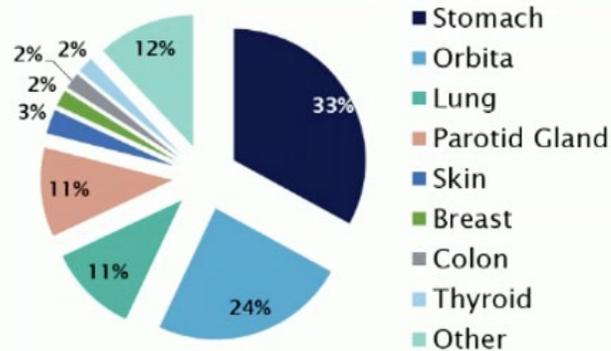
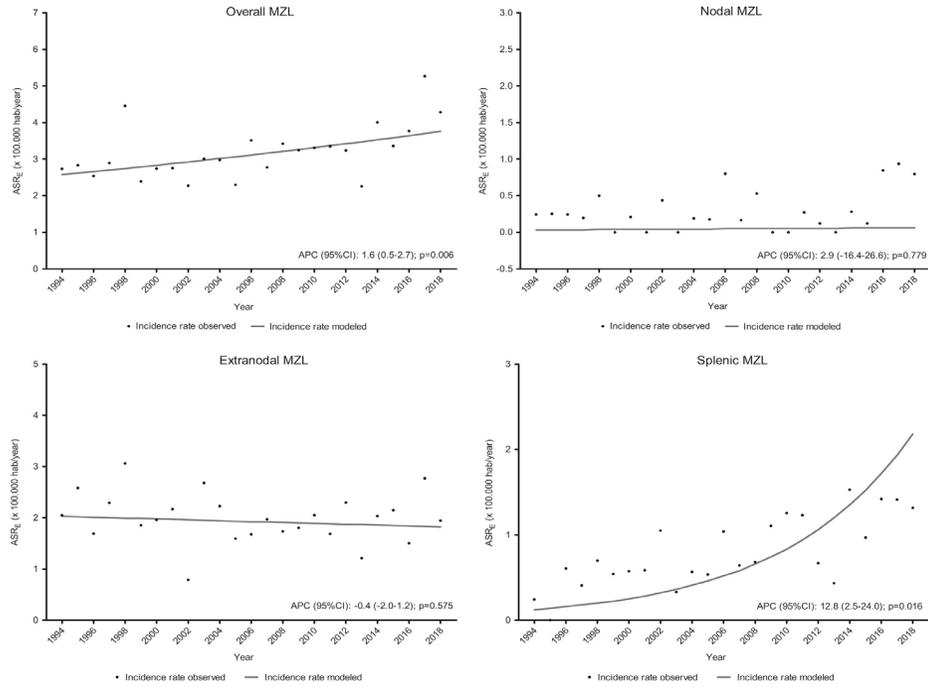
ICC 2022	WHO 5th Editions (2022)	Revised WHO 4th (2016)
<b>Extranodal MZL (MALT) 50-70%</b>	Extranodal MZL (MALT)	Extranodal MZL (MALT)
<b>Splenic MZL 20%</b>	Splenic MZL	Splenic MZL
<b>Nodal MZL &lt;10%</b>	Nodal MZL	Nodal MZL
Pediatric nodal MZL (provisional)	Pediatric nodal MZL (distinct entity)	Pediatric nodal MZL (provisional)
Primary cutaneous MZ lymphoproliferative disorder	Primary cutaneous MZL	(not considered as an entity)



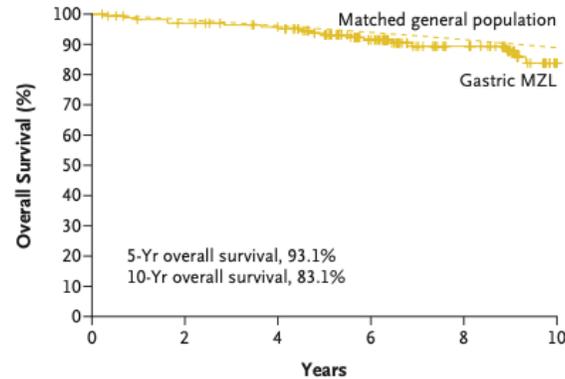
Zucca et al, *Hematological Oncology*. 2023;41(S1):88–91.



# Incidence and outcomes of MZL

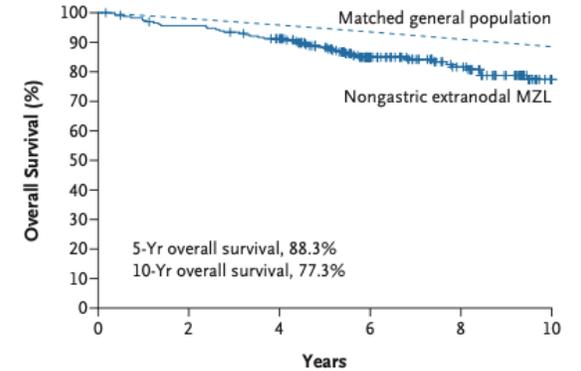


**A Gastric MZL**

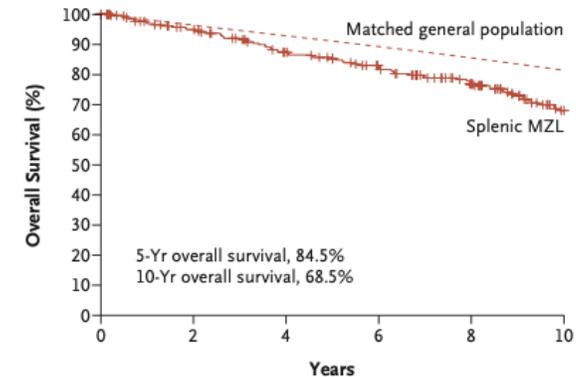


No. at Risk	171	160	151	108	67	30
Relative Survival (%)	100.0	98.6	98.9	97.3	97.0	94.0

**B Nongastric Extranodal MZL**



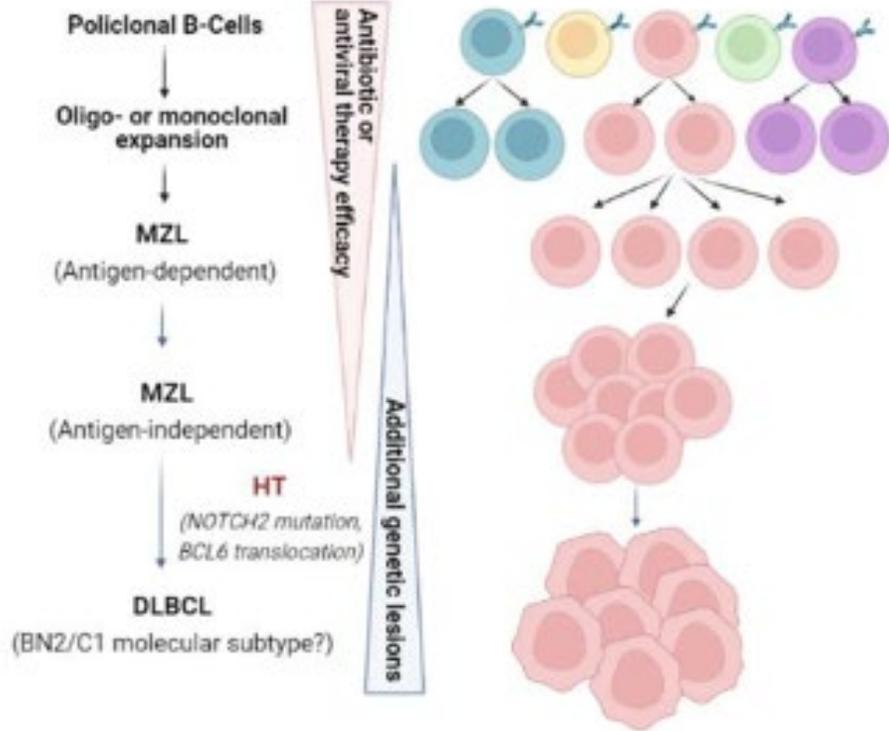
No. at Risk	230	217	201	129	92	42
Relative Survival (%)	100.0	96.9	95.1	90.8	89.6	87.4



No. at Risk	265	230	198	176	146	102
Relative Survival (%)	100.0	96.9	92.1	90.4	87.9	82.1

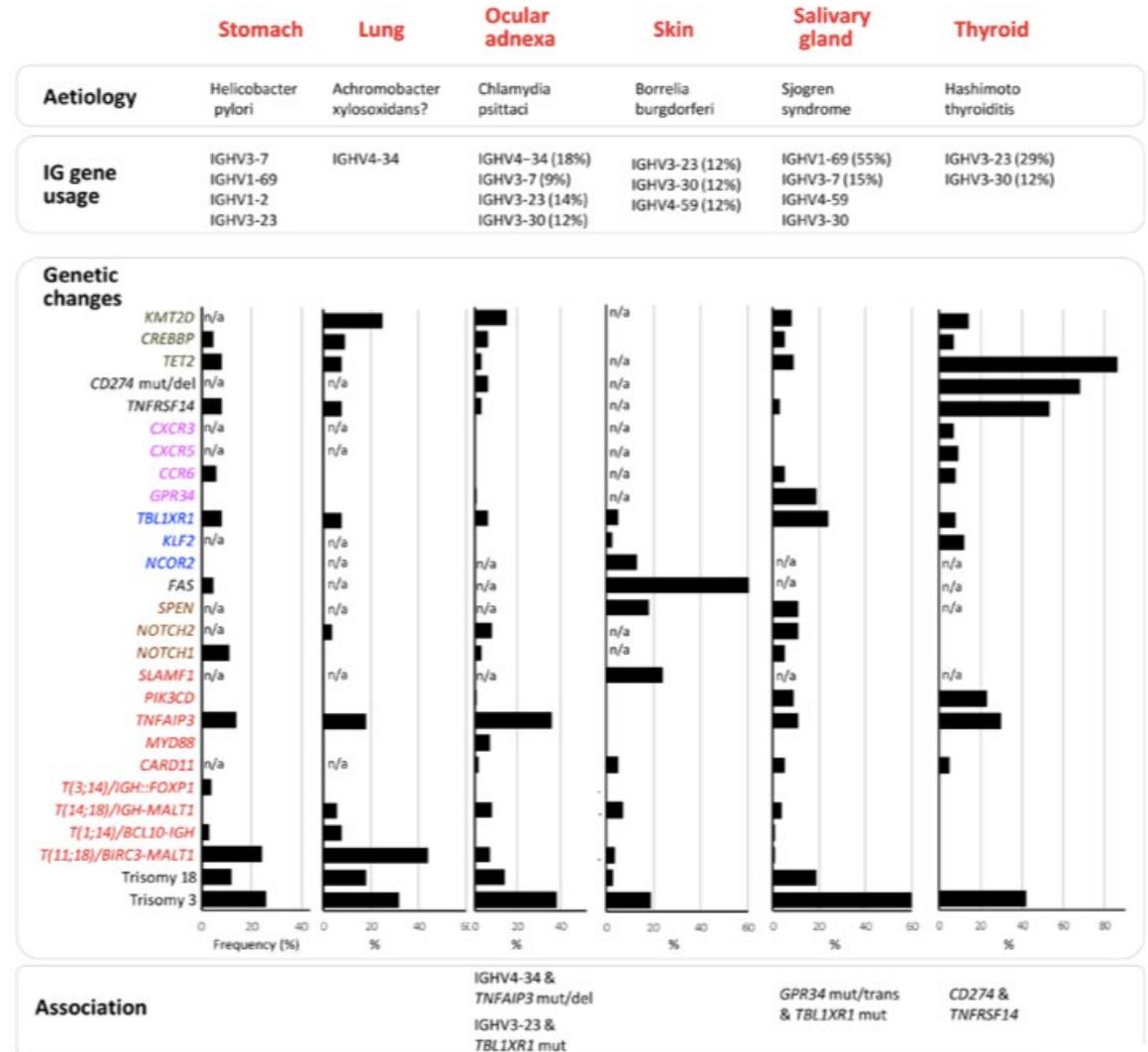
Rossi D et al. N Engl J Med 2022;386:568-81

# Pathogenesis of ENMZL



**A. Proposal of antigen-driven MZL pathogenesis**

## EMZL at various mucosal sites



# Diagnosis is not always straightforward

## Nodal and extra nodal MZL

### Other indolent B NHL

- Lymphoplasmacytic lymphoma/Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia
- CLL/SLL
- Follicular lymphoma
- Mantle cell lymphoma

Clinical picture

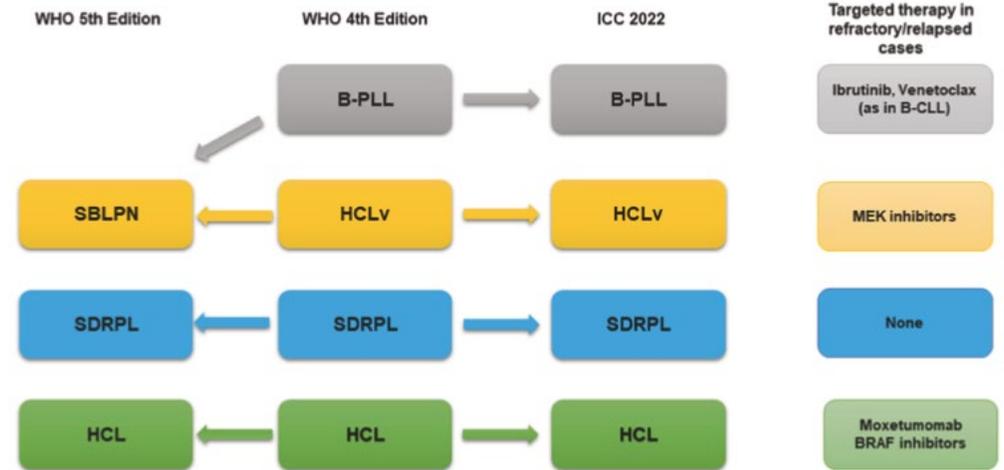
IgM paraprotein

Morphology

Immuno phenotype

MYD88<sup>L265P</sup> mutation

## SMZL



Falini B et al, Leukemia (2023) 37:18–34; <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41375-022-01764-1>

Morphology, immunophenotype and molecular characteristics

# Staging and prognostic assessment

## Staging:

### Lab evaluation

- Microbiological assessment
- Autoimmune serologies (Sjorgren S)

### Imaging

- CT scan
- PET CT?

### Organ specific procedures

- Upper GI endoscopy
- MRI (orbital, salivar)

- **BM** morphology
- BM phenotype (except ENMZ?)

## MALT IPI<sup>1</sup>

Age > 70 anos

Stage III/IV

LDH > UNL

### Risk

Low : 0 factors

Intermediate: 1 factor

High: ≥2 factors

## Splenic MZL<sup>3</sup>

Hb < 9.5 g/dL

Platelets < 80 000/mcl

LDH > UNL

Extra hilar adenopathy

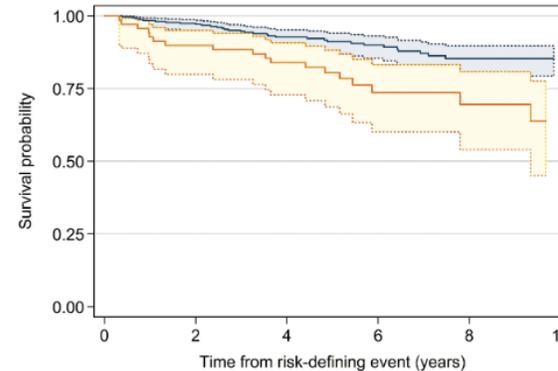
### Risk

Low : 0 factors

Intermediate 1-2 factors

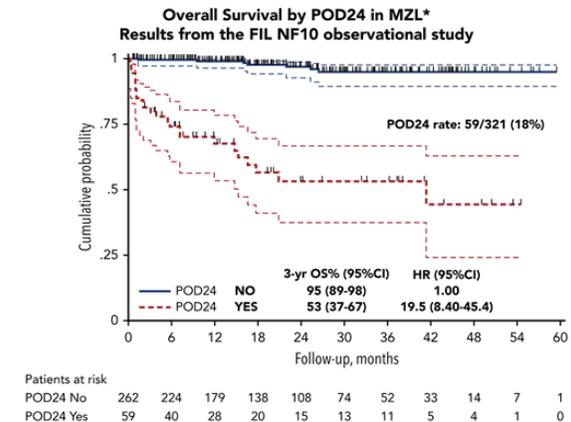
High 3-4 factors

## POD24<sup>2</sup>



MALT pts receiving systemic treatment

## NF10 study<sup>4</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Thieblemont C et al. Blood 2017, 130(12): 1409-1417

<sup>2</sup>Conconi A et al. Haematologica. 2020 Nov 1;105(11):2592-2597

<sup>3</sup>Montalban C et al. Leuk Lymphoma. 2014 Apr;55(4):929-31

<sup>4</sup>Luminari S et al. Blood. 2019 Sep 5;134(10):798-801.

# Treatment depends on pathogenesis, symptoms, extension and location

Localized EMZL (70%)

H Pylori eradication

Other antibiotics,  
Hepatitis C treatment

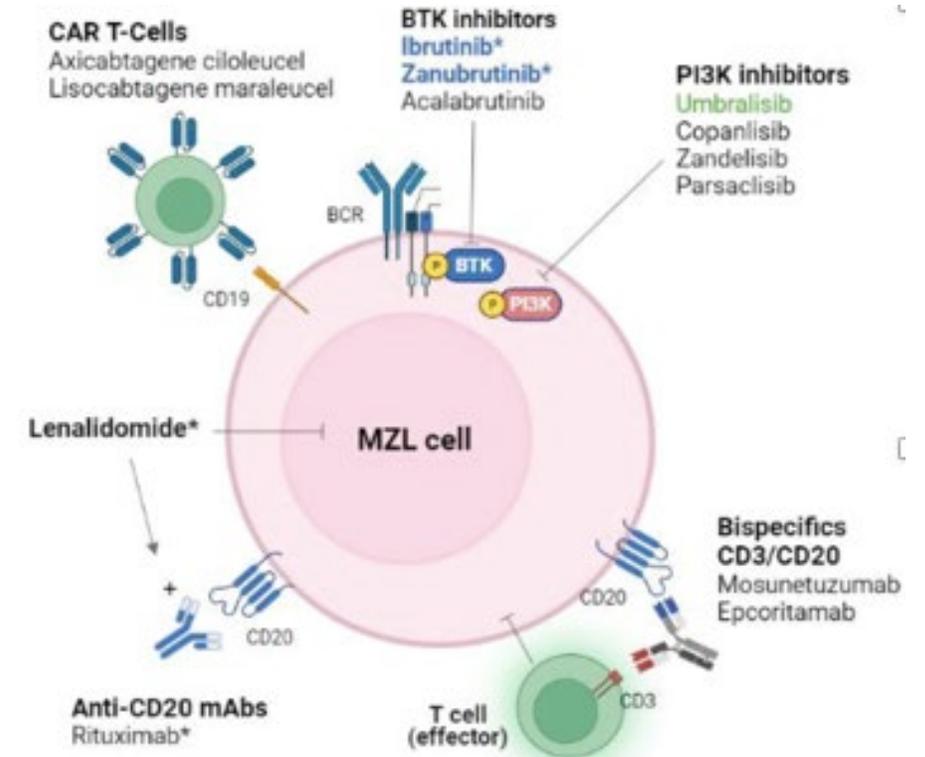
Local therapy  
(Surgery,  
Radiotherapy)

Systemic approaches

Watch and wait

Immunochemotherapy

Immunomodulators  
BTK inhibitors

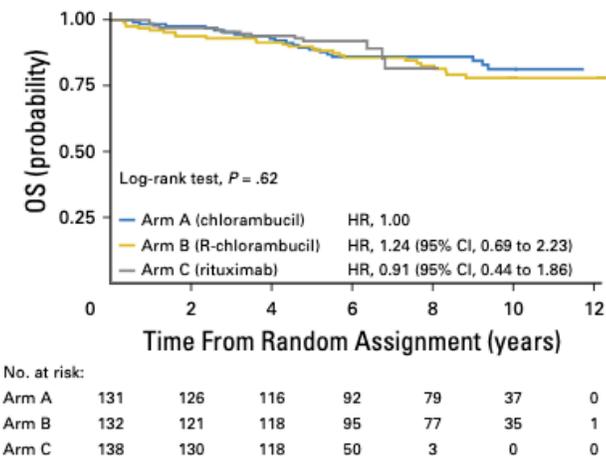
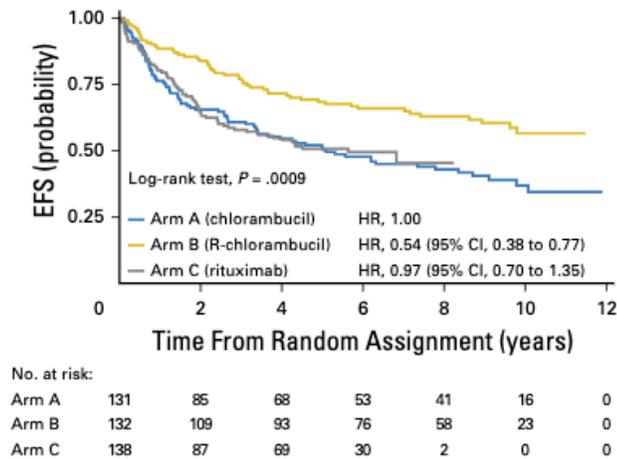


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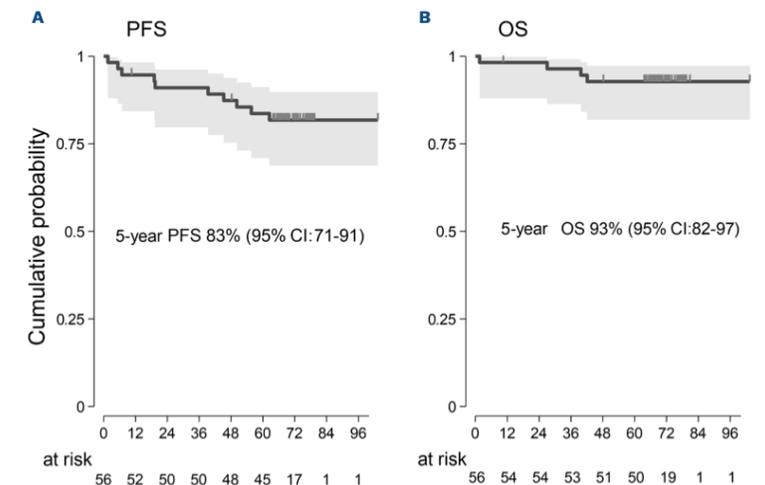
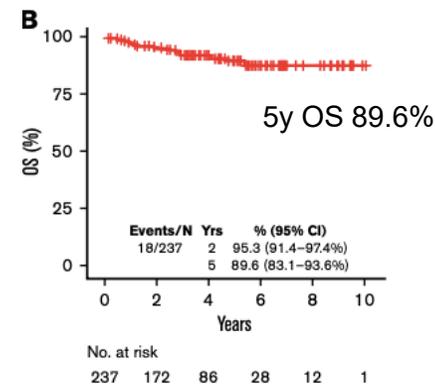
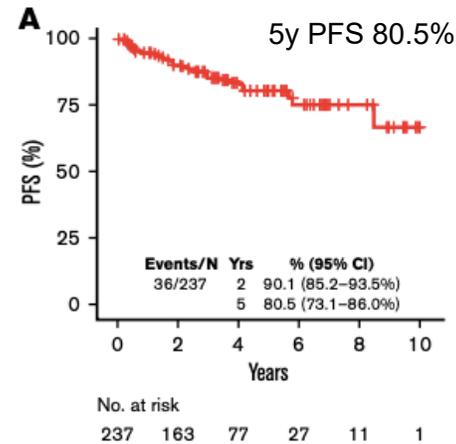
# Systemic treatment for advanced disease: is there a standard?

## IELSG 19: Rituximab Chlorambucil



Zucca E et al. J Clin Oncol. 2017 Jun 10;35(17):1905-1912

## Bendamustin Rituximab



Alderuccio P et al. Blood Adv 2022, DOI 10.1182/bloodadvances.2021006844.

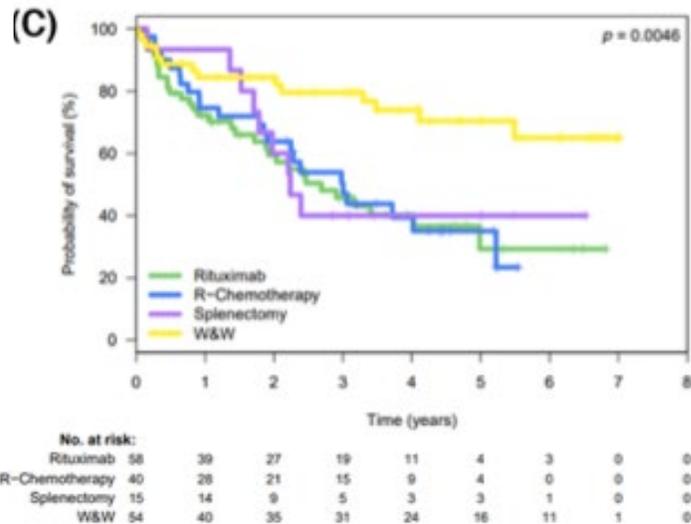
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Iannitto et al, Haematologica 2024, <https://doi.org/10.3324/haematol.2023.28410>



# When and how to treat splenic marginal zone lymphoma?

Median **time to first treatment**: 58 mo (at 10y 30% remain untreated) ⇒ treat if symptomatic  
(Perrone et al, Hematol Oncol 2015)



Muntanola A et al. Br J Haematol. 2023 Aug;202(4):776-784.

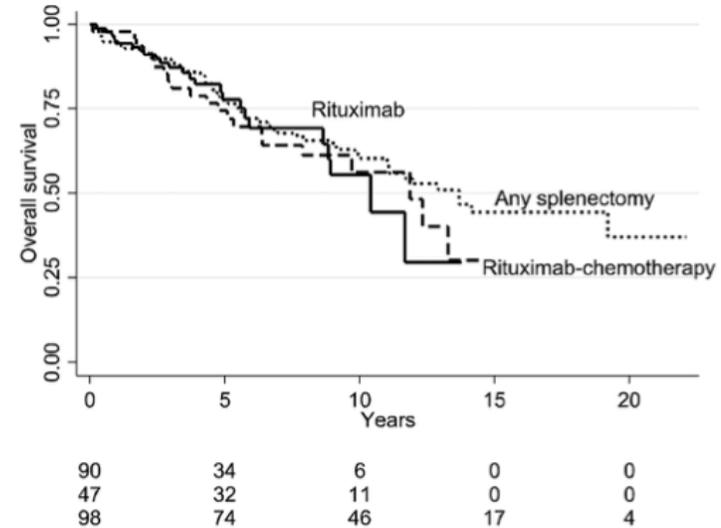
**Rituximab** 375 mg/m<sup>2</sup> weekly x 6 → maintenance for 1 year  
Kalpadakis C et al, Blood. 2018;132(6):666–70.

**Rituximab** Bendamustine x 6 cycles (BRSMA)  
Kalpadakis C et al, Blood. 2018;132(6):666–70.

ORR 92%  
CR 44%  
10y PFS 64%  
10y OS 85%

ORR 91%  
CR 73%  
3y PFS 90%  
3y OS 96%

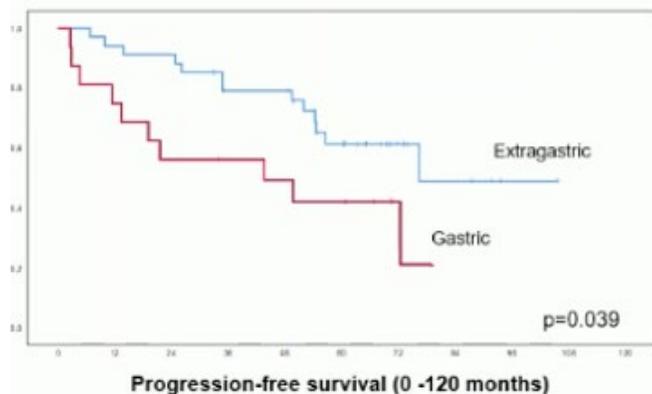
≥G3 Neutropenia 43%  
Infections 5.4%  
SAE 25%



Julen HR et al. *eJHaem*. 2023;4:647–655.

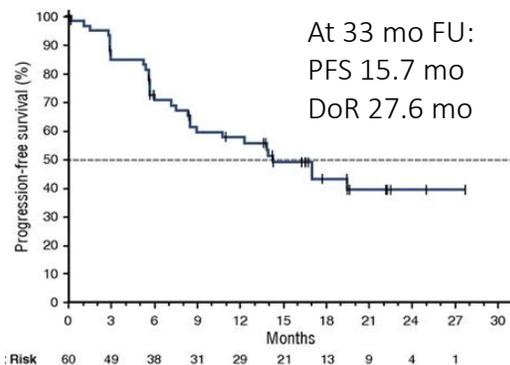
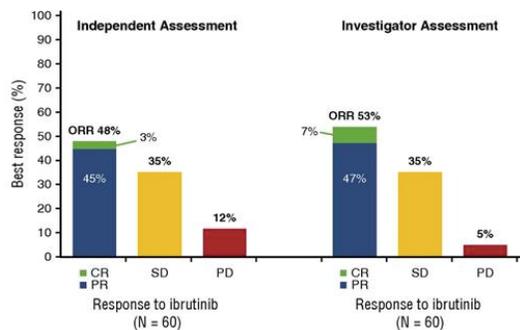
# Systemic treatment options for MZL: beyond immunochemotherapy

## Long term FU of Lenalidomide in MALT lymphoma<sup>1</sup>



50 pts treated with L±R  
 Median FU 68 mo  
**Median PFS 72 mo**  
 28% had delayed response  
 16% improved response  
 Ongoing tumor shrinkage >40 mo

## Ibrutinib in R/R MZL (all subtypes)<sup>2</sup>

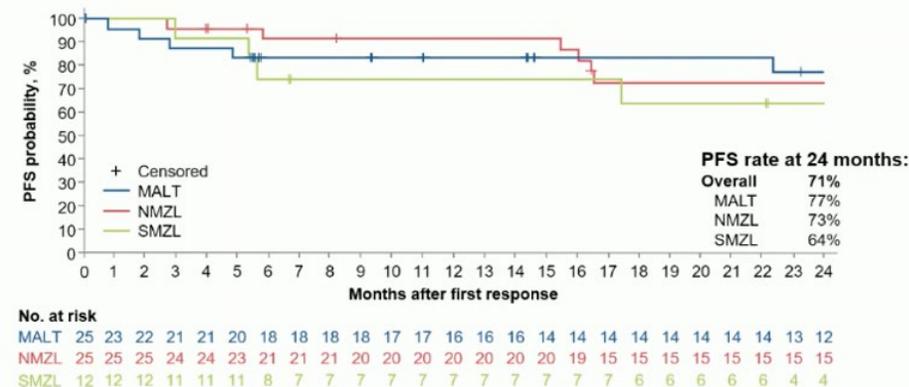


## Zanubrutinib in R/R MZL: the MAGNOLIA trial<sup>3</sup>

MZL subtype	Response	2-Year Rates		
		Response Duration	PFS	OS
Nodal (n = 25)	ORR 76% CR 20% PR 56%	78%	73%	80%
Splenic (n = 12)	ORR 67% CR 8% ORR 58%	Not estimable	64%	92%
MALT (n = 25)	ORR 64% CR 40% PR 24%	75%	77%	92%

### MAGNOLIA – Longer-Term Follow-Up

Median FU 27.4 mo

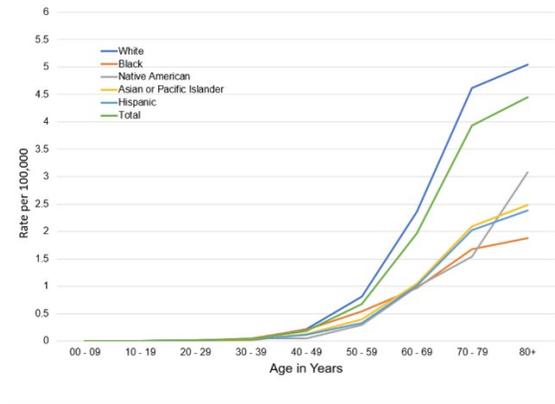
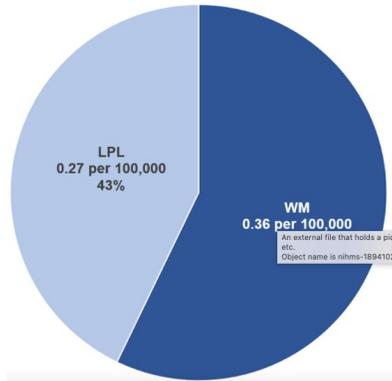


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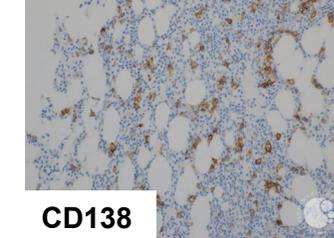
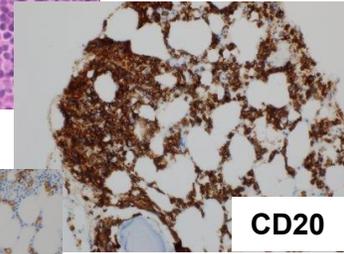
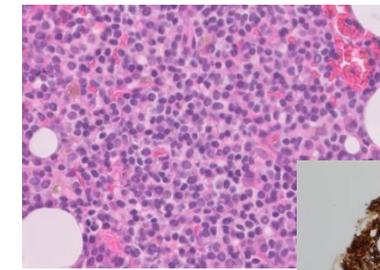
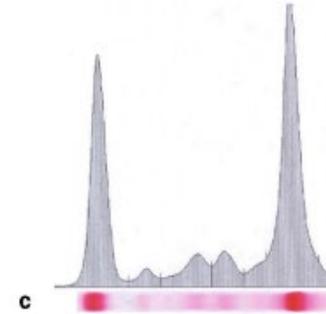
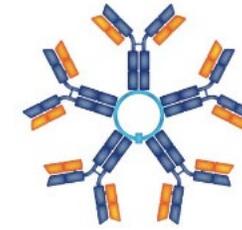
2. Noy A et al. Blood. 2017 Apr 20;129(16):2224-2232

3. Opat S et al. Blood Adv. 2023 Nov 28;7(22):6801-6811

# Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia



Median age: 70



ASH image bank

McMaster ML.  
Semin Hematol 2023 Mar, 60(2):65-72

Gene	Hunter Z et al [42] (N=30)	Poulain S et al [71] (N=98)	Poulain S et al [86] (N=125)	Varettoni M et al [56] (N=119)*	Jiménez C et al [84] (N=61)†	Global frequency (%)
MYD88	27	82	105	87	53	82
CXCR4	8	24	30	15	22	23
KMT2D	2	NA	NA	19	NA	14
CD79A/B	2	12	10	4	5	7.6
TP53	2	NA	9	10	2	6.9
NOTCH2	1	NA	NA	8	NA	6
ARID1A	5	NA	NA	4	3	5.7
HIST1H1E	0	NA	NA	NA	4	4.4
PRDM1	0	NA	NA	5	NA	3.4
MYBBP1A	2	NA	NA	0	3	2.4
TRAF3	1	NA	NA	1	3	2.4
TRAF2	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2.2
RAG2	1	NA	NA	NA	1	2.2
HIST1H1B	0	NA	NA	NA	2	2.2
HIST1H1C	0	NA	NA	NA	2	2.2
HIST1H1D	0	NA	NA	NA	1	1.1

3 groups  
 MYD88 mutated, CXCR4 wild type  
 MYD88 mutated, CXCR4 mutated  
 MYD88 wild type

# Clinical findings are diverse

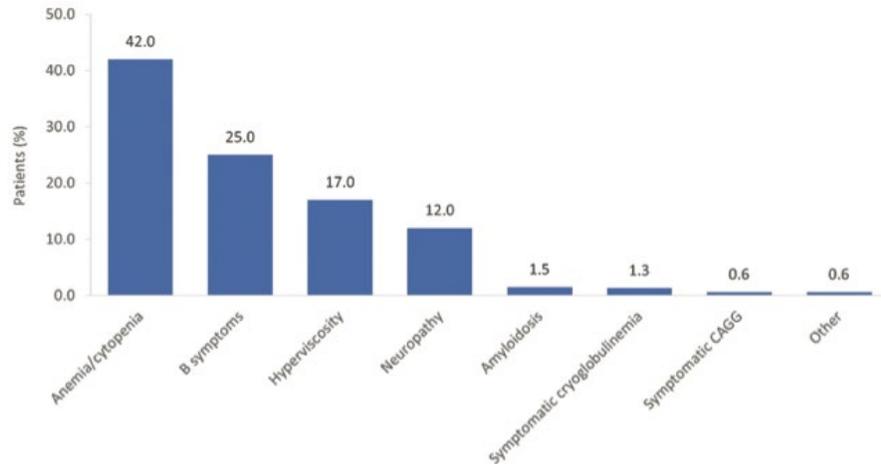
## Symptoms and signs

### Lymphoma related

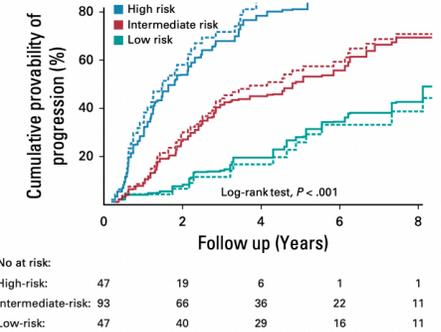
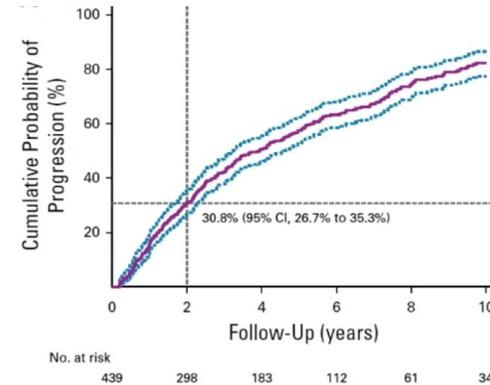
- Cytopenias
- Lymphadenopathy
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- B symptoms

### IgM related

- Hyperviscosity
- Cryoglobulinemia
- Neuropathy
- Hemolysis
- Amyloidosis



19-28% patients are asymptomatic at diagnosis



At median FU 7.8 years: 72% pts progressed to symptoms

## Risk factors for progression to treatment

BM infiltration > 70%  
 Albumin < 3.5g/dL  
 B2M ≥ 4mg/dL  
 IgM > 4500 mg/dL

**Low risk** (TTPm 9.3 y)  
**Intermediate risk** (TTPm 4.8 y)  
**High risk** (TTPm 1.8 y)

# First line treatment depends on symptoms and disease dynamics

Asymptomatic patients ⇒ observation

Hyperviscosity ⇒ plasmapheresis (while treatment is started)

Immunochemotherapy

Protesome inhibitor - based

BTK inhibitor - based

Regimen	No prior treatment; relapsed refractory	ORR	Major response	Median PFS	Median OS	Toxicities
**DRC <sup>1</sup>	72; 0	83%	74%	<b>35 mo</b>	95 mo	
**DRC <sup>2</sup>	50; 50	1st L: 96% RR: 87%	1st L: 87% RR: 68%	1st L: 34 mo RR: 32 mo	NR	G≥3 Neutropenia 20% G≥3 Thrombocytopenia 7% G≥3 infections 3%
*R-Bendamustine <sup>3</sup>	19;0	NR	NR	<b>69,5 mo</b>	NR	<b>Infections,</b> cytopenias, cutaneous rash, 2nd tumors
*R-Bendamustine <sup>4</sup> (n=257 evaluable)**	257;0	92%	88%	<b>65 mo</b>	NR	
**Bortezomib- dexametasone Rituximab <sup>4</sup>	59;0	85%	68%	<b>42 mo</b> (TTNT <b>73 mo</b> )	3y OS 81%	≥G3 Peripheral neuropathy 7%
**Carfilzomib RD <sup>5</sup>	31; 0	87%	68%	46 mo	NR	≥G3 Peripheral neuropathy 3%, ≥G3 Cardiopathy 3%
**Ixazomib DR <sup>6</sup>	26;0	96%	77%	40 mo	100% at 52 mo FU	≥G3 Peripheral neuropathy 4%

\* consider **4 cycles**

\*\* consider deferring Rituximab if  
risk of hyperviscosity

<sup>1</sup> Dimopoulos MA et al, J Clin Oncol (2007) 25:3344-3349. <sup>4</sup> Dimopoulos et al. Blood. 2013 Nov 7;122(19):3276-82

<sup>2</sup> Paludo J. et al BJH, 2017, 179, 98–105

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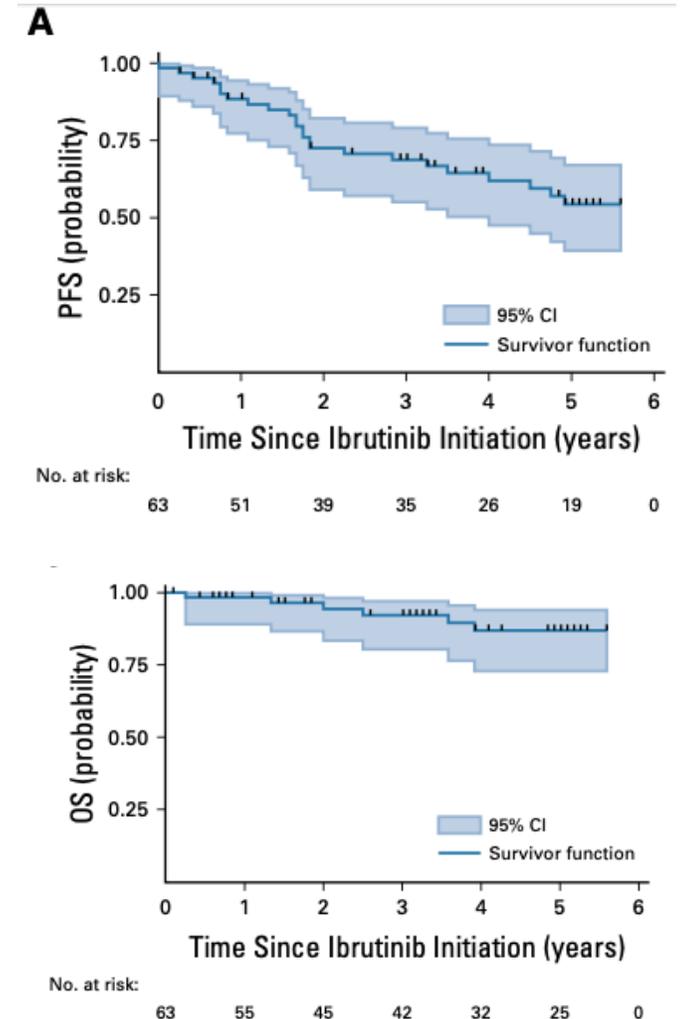
<sup>5</sup> Treon et al. Blood. 2014;124(4):503-510.

<sup>6</sup> Castillo J. et al Blood Adv. 2020 ,25;4(16):3952-3959

# BTK inhibitors are very effective for WM: Ibrutinib

Trial	Outcomes	Toxicity
Phase II, <b>relapsed refractory</b> n=63 Median 2 (1-9) prior therapies 40% refractory to prior T	Median FU 59mo <b>ORR 90.5%   MMR 79.4%</b> <b>PFS 2y 69.1%</b> OS 2y 95.2%   <b>5y 87%</b> Time to Response 4 weeks	Grade ≥3AE: neutropenia (15.9%), thrombocytopenia .11,1% pneumonia (3.2%), AF 12.7%
Phase III <b>refractory to Rituximab</b> n=31	Median FU 18.1mo <b>ORR 90%   MMR 71%</b> PFS 18 mo 86% OS 18 mo 97%	Grade ≥3AE neutropenia 13%, HBP 10%, anemia, thrombocytopenia and diarrhea 6%
Phase II, <b>treatment naive</b> n=30	Median FU 50mo <b>ORR 100%   MMR 87%</b> <b>PFS 4y 76%</b> OS 4y 100%	Grade 2-4 AEs Fatigue (33%), upper respiratory tract infection (30%), hematoma (27%) AF and ITU (20%), HBP, lower RTI, rash (17%)

Buske C et al. Leukemia (2023) 37:35–46

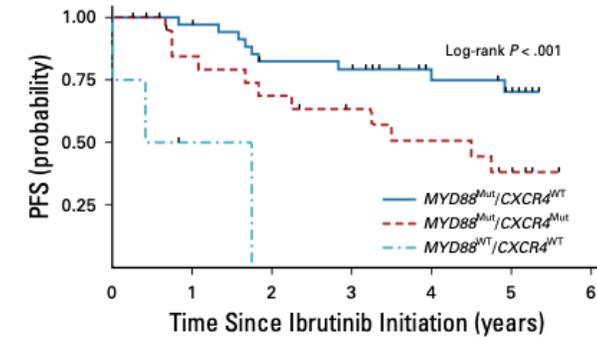


# Impact of mutational profiles on response to Ibrutinib

Variable	All patients	MYD88mut CXCR4wt	MYD88mut CXCR4mut	MYD88wt CXCR4wt
No. pts	63	36	22	4
ORR	57 (90.5%)	36 (100%)	19 (86.4%)	2 (50%)
Major response (≥VGPR)	50 (79.4%)	35 (97.2%)	15 (68.2%)	0
Minor response	7 (11%)	1 (2.8%)	4 (18.2%)	2 (50%)
No response	6 (9.5%)	0	3 (13.6%)	2 (50%)
Time to major response (median)	1.8 mo	1.8 mo	4.7 mo	NA

Treon S et al. J Clin Oncol 2021, 39: 565-575.

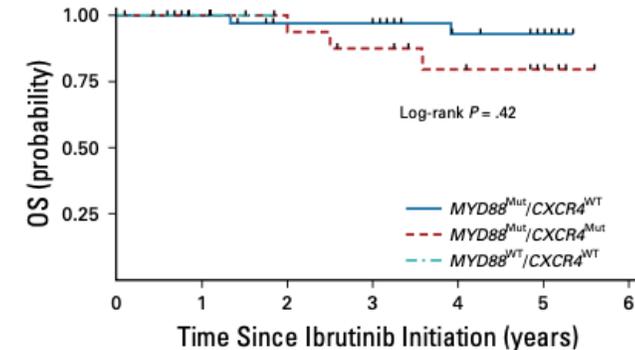
**B**



No. at risk:

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup> /CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>	36	34	26	25	18	14	0
MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup> /CXCR4 <sup>Mut</sup>	22	16	13	10	8	5	0
MYD88 <sup>WT</sup> /CXCR4 <sup>Mut</sup>	4	1	0	0	0	0	0

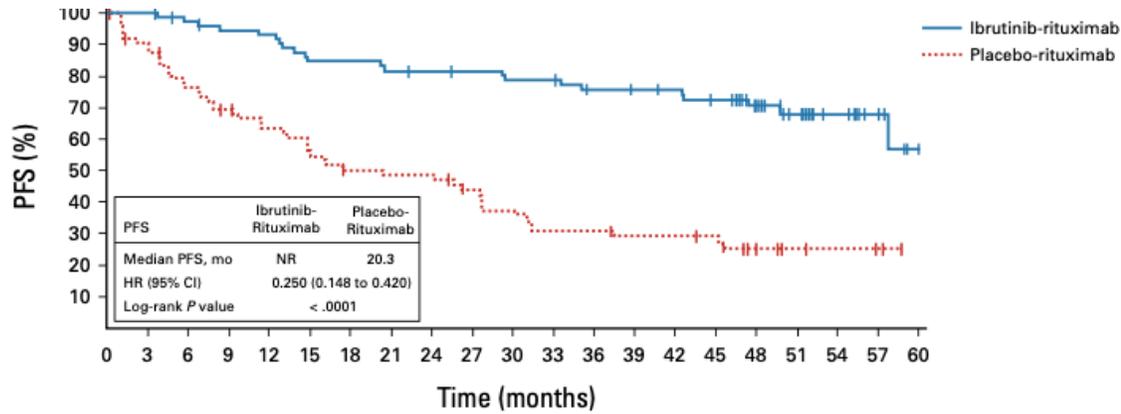
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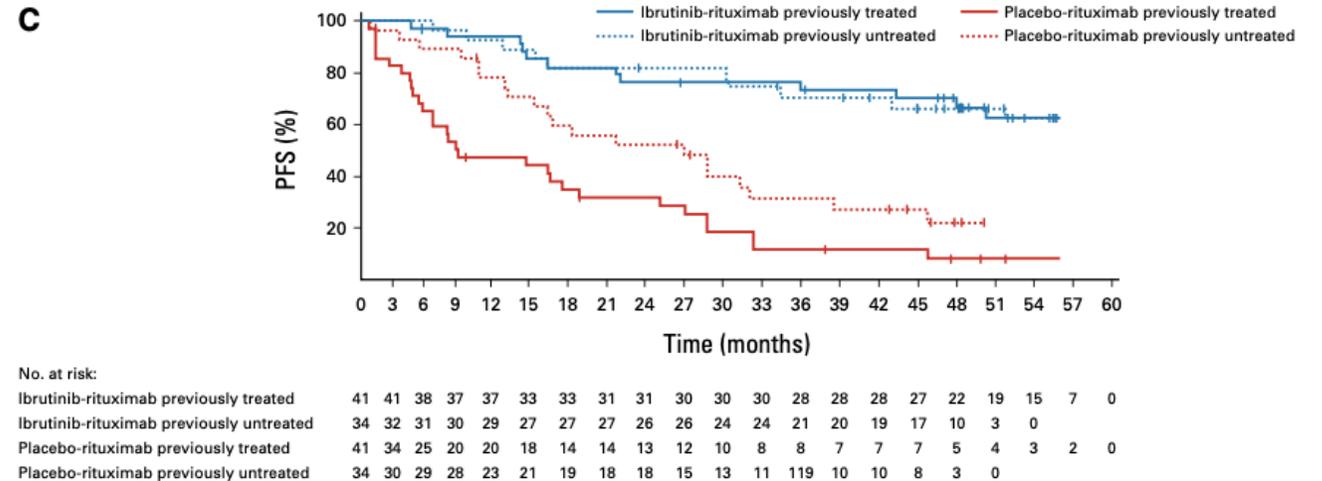
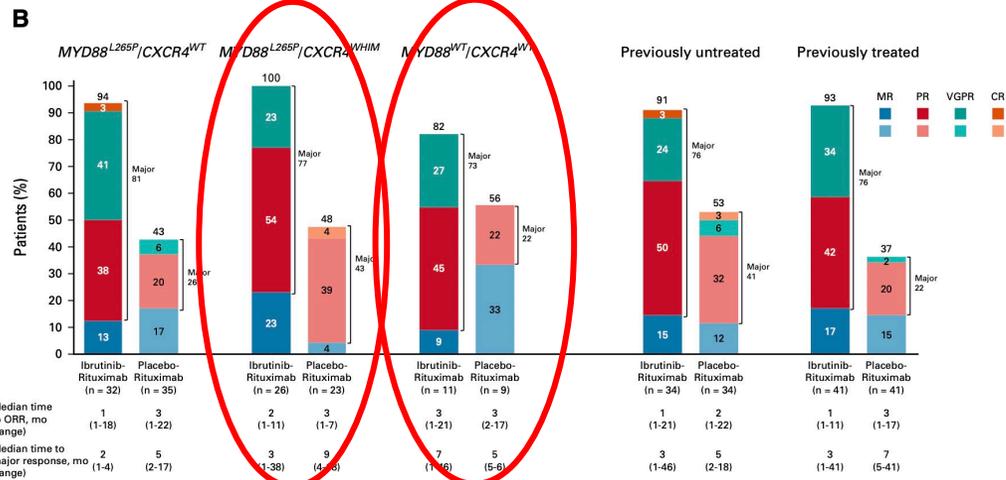
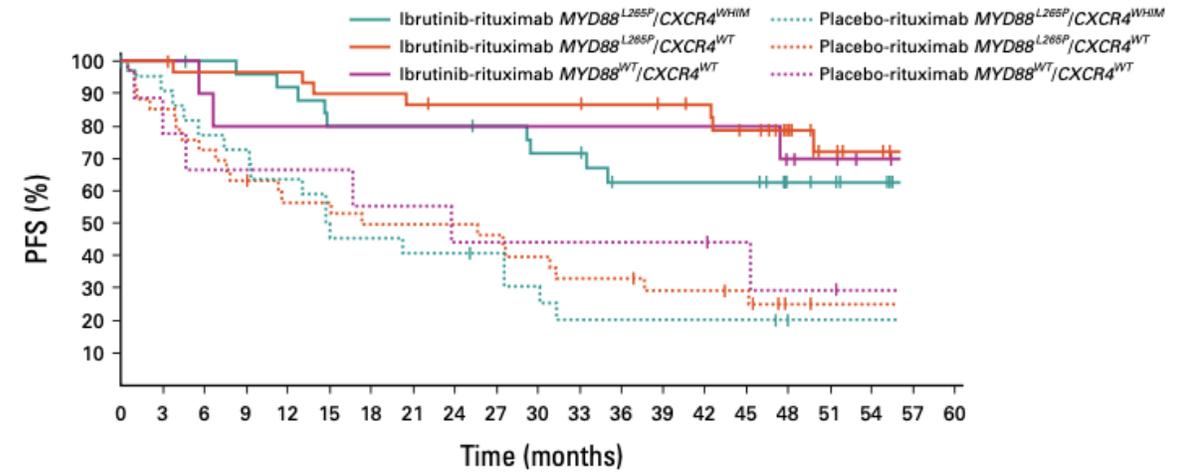
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MYD88 <sup>Mut</sup> /CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>	36	35	29	29	22	18	0
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MYD88 <sup>WT</sup> /CXCR4 <sup>Mut</sup>	4	2	0	0	0	0	0

# Ibrutinib plus Rituximab may overcome the impact of poor prognosis mutational patterns: the iNNOVATE trial



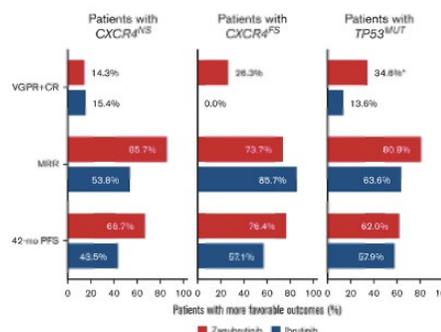
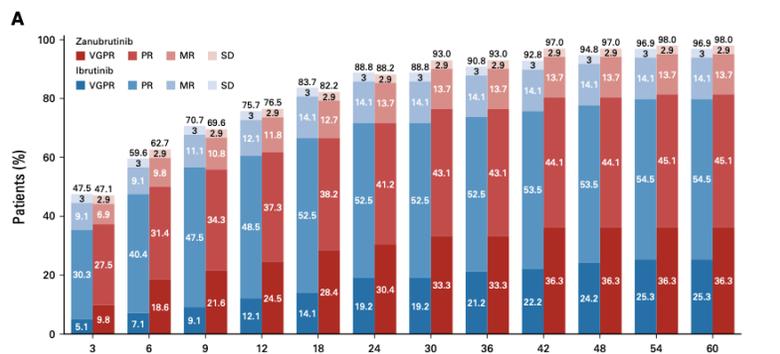
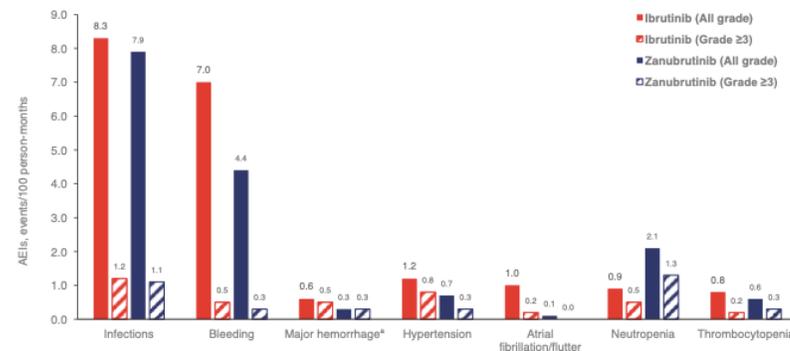
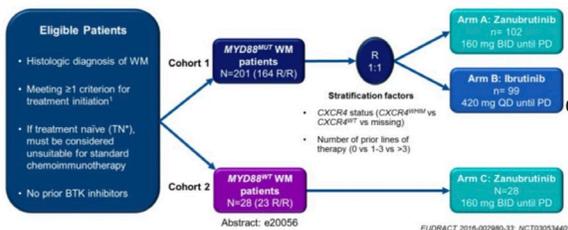
No. at risk:

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Ibrutinib-rituximab	75	73	69	67	66	60	60	58	57	56	54	54	46	48	47	44	32	22	15	7	
Placebo-rituximab	75	64	54	48	43	39	33	32	31	27	23	19	19	17	17	15	7	4	3	2	

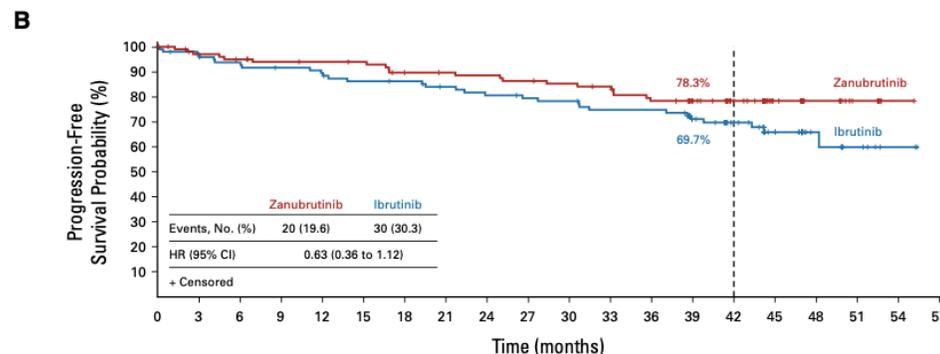


# Next generation BTK inhibitors: Zanubrutinib compared to Ibrutinib

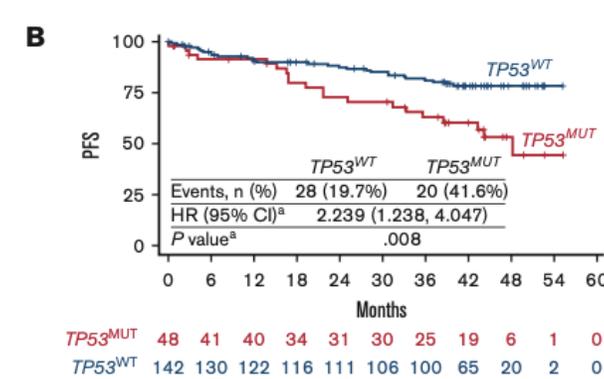
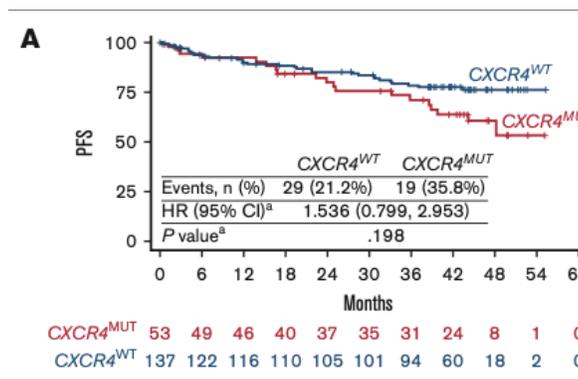
## ASPEN trial



	Zanubrutinib vs Ibrutinib		
	Patients With CXCR4 <sup>WT</sup>	Patients With CXCR4 <sup>FS</sup>	Patients With TP53 <sup>MUT</sup>
Median time to VGPR+CR	10.3 mo vs 31.3 mo	11.1 mo vs NE	11.1 mo vs 24.9 mo
Median time to MRR	4.1 mo vs 2.9 mo	2.9 mo vs 7.0 mo	2.8 mo vs 3.0 mo
Median PFS	NR vs 39.8 mo	NR vs 44.2 mo	NR vs 44.2 mo

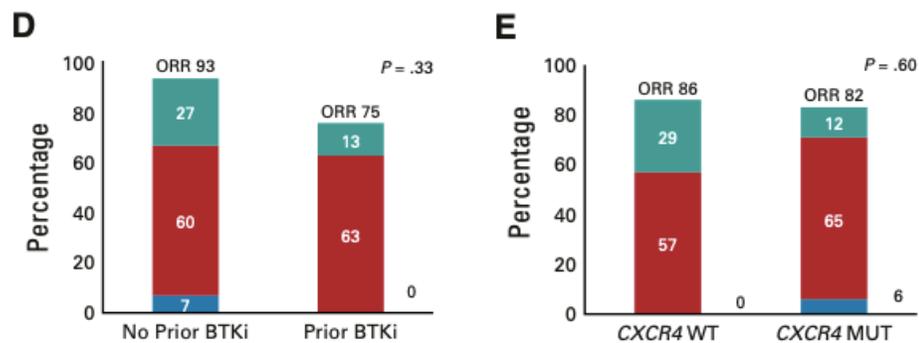
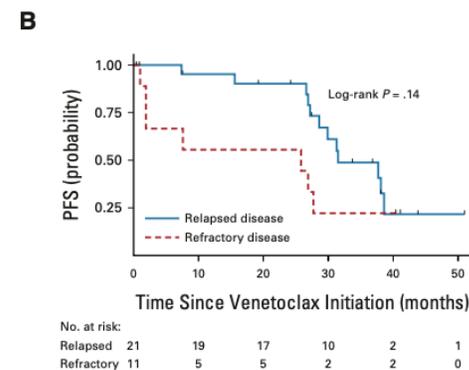
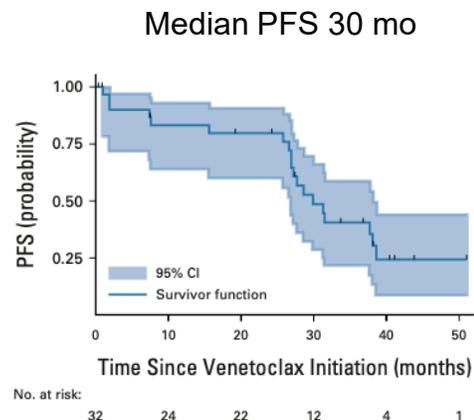
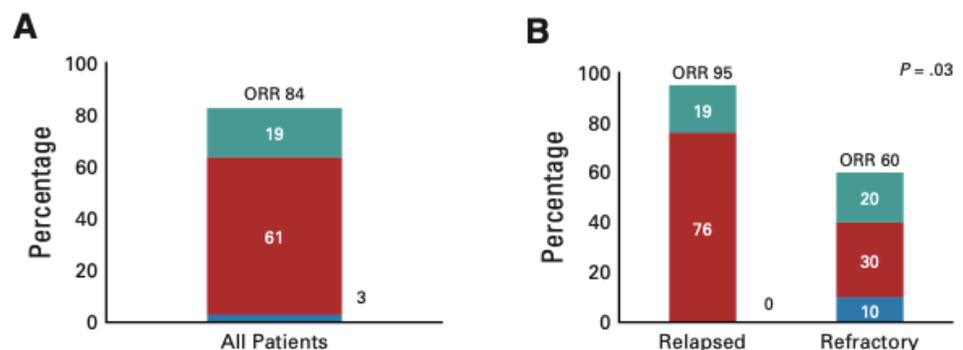


No. of Patients at risk:	Zanubrutinib												Ibrutinib																											
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Zanubrutinib	102	96	93	90	89	88	82	81	80	78	76	74	68	60	43	25	15	8	1	0	99	92	88	85	83	79	78	74	71	69	68	64	64	52	41	27	11	6	2	0
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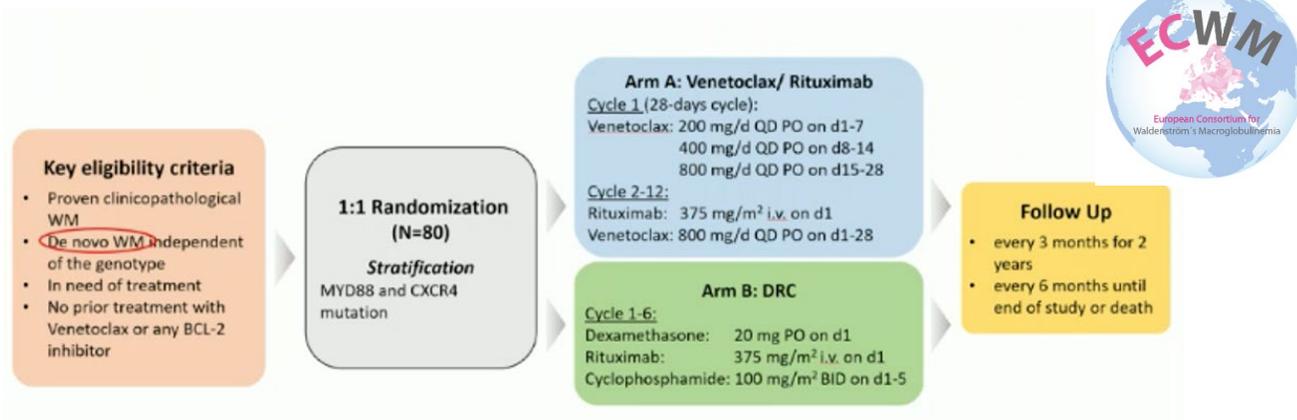


# Novel agents: venetoclax for the treatment of relapsed refractory patients

32 pts in a phase 2 study with 33 mo median FU



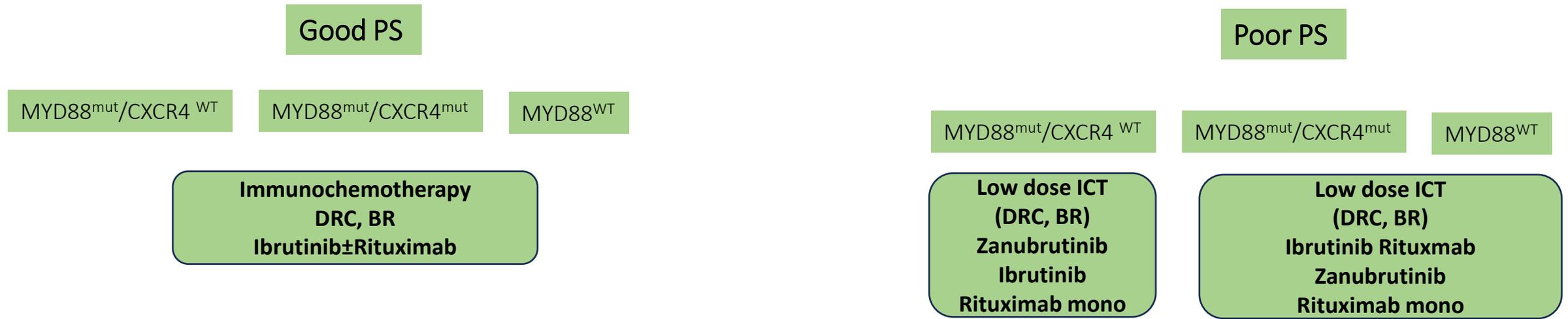
MR PR VGPR



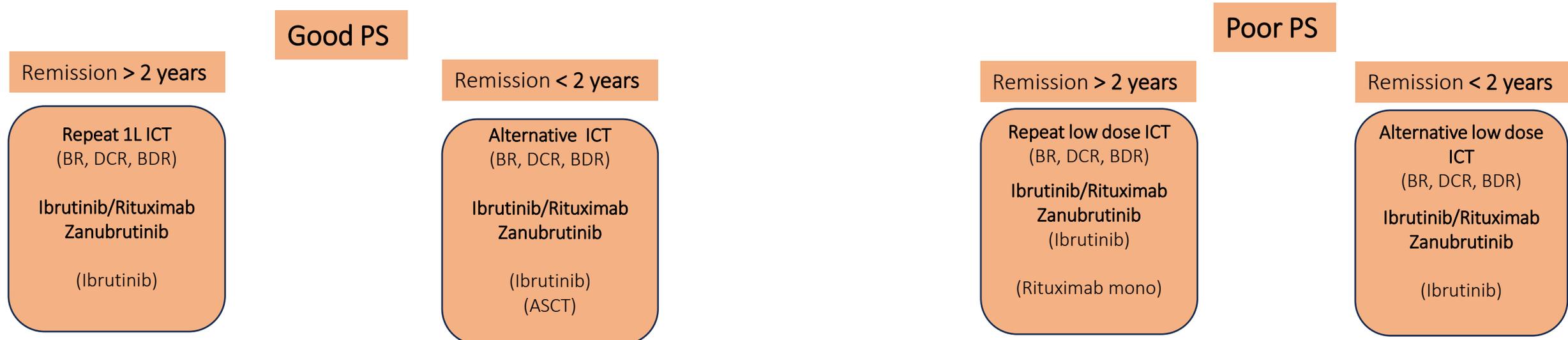
**Primary objective:** to determine the efficacy of time limited venetoclax plus Rituximab compared to classical DRC in newly diagnosed WM

Combinations using less toxic, non-covalent BTK inhibitor:  
**Pirtobrutinib plus Venetoclax for RR WM (NCT05734495)**

# In summary, 1L treatment approach (still based on ICT for most patients)

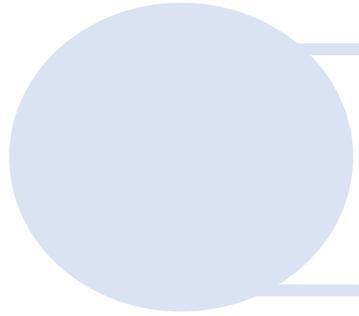


# In summary, treatment approach for RR (depending on duration of 1st response)



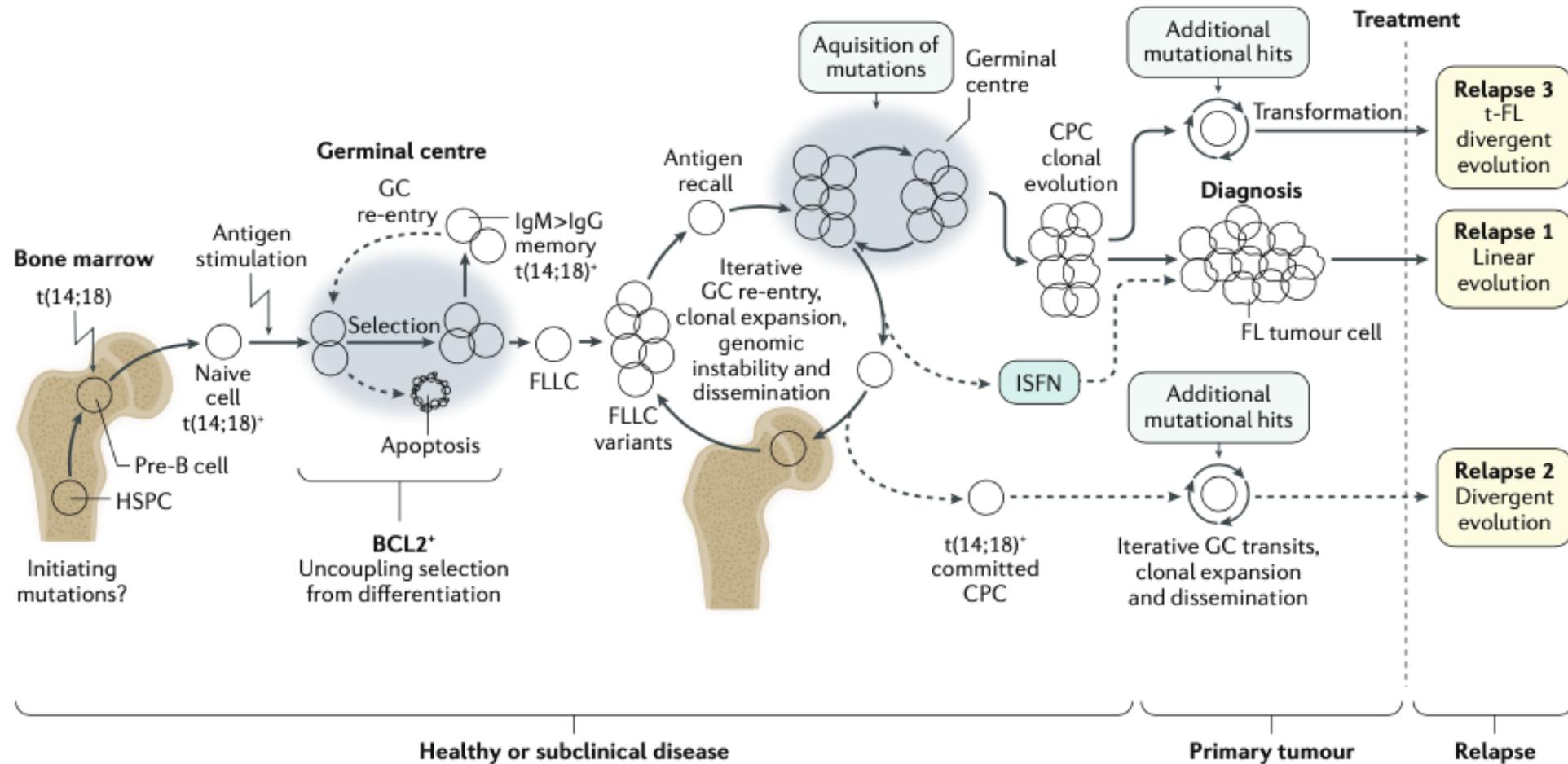
# Take home messages

- Indolent lymphomas are frequent and prolonged survival is expected
- Clinical and biological heterogeneity exists between entities and within each entity
- For most entities, **first line** treatment options are defined (but can be challenged!)
- Large randomized **trials** are available for **FL** but mostly not for rarer diseases
- An increasing number of options are available, including **targeted agents and T cell engaging therapies**
- **Treatment sequencing** may be challenging and needs focused research



Back up slides

# Pathogenesis and evolution of FL



# ROSEWOOD: Zanubrutinib Obinutuzumab improve outcomes

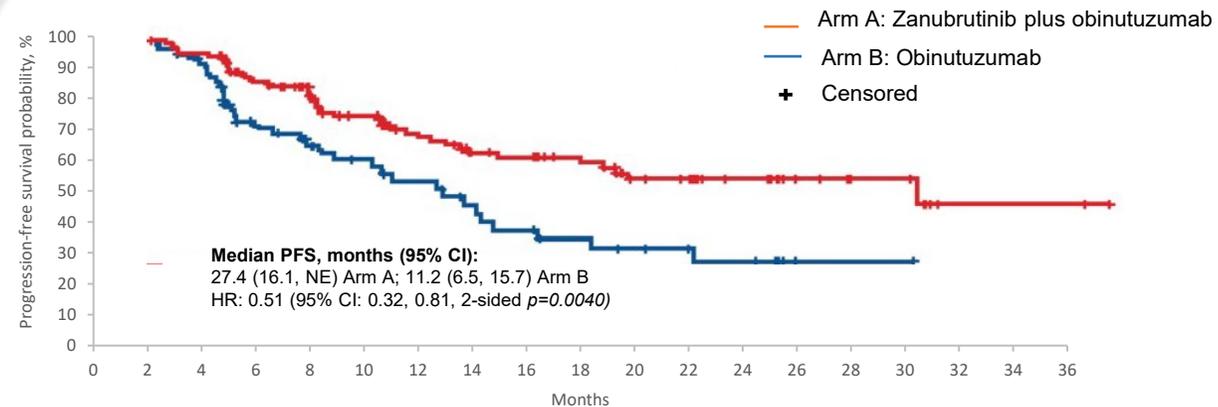
## Disease Response by ICR

	Zanubrutinib/ Obinutuzumab	Obinutuzumab	
<b>ORR (95% CI)</b>	<b>68.3% (60-75.7%)</b>	<b>45.8%</b>	<b>p=0.0017</b>
<b>Complete response</b>	<b>37.2%</b>	<b>19.4%</b>	<b>P=0.0083</b>
Partial response	31%	26.4%	
Stable disease	17.2%	19.4%	
Disease progression	9%	20.8%	

29 patients crossed over to Zanubrutinib/obinutuzumab



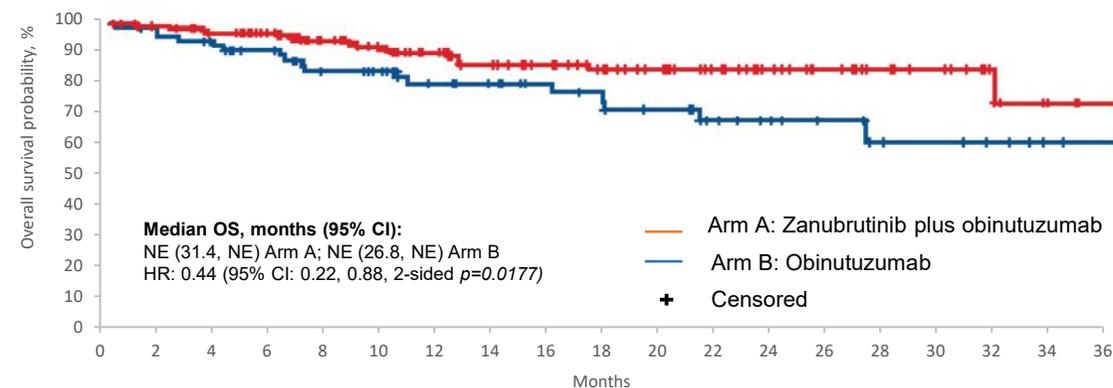
**ORR: 24.1% (CR: 6.9%)**



No. of patients at risk

145	135	111	83	76	56	46	40	37	27	19	18	10	8	3	2	2	1	0
72	63	39	29	26	23	16	12	11	9	7	6	1	1	0				

Median study follow-up 12.5 months

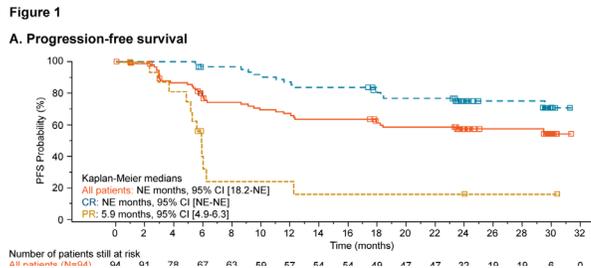
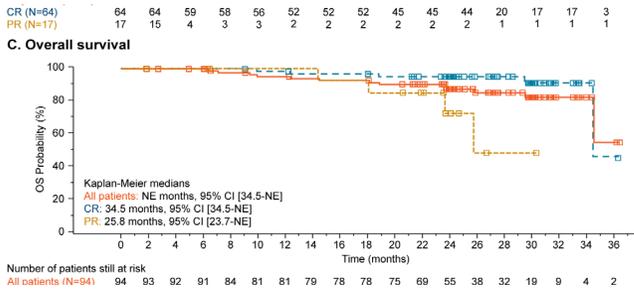


No. of patients at risk:

145	139	132	121	104	89	75	64	58	51	42	36	28	22	15	12	5	3	0
72	67	63	57	50	45	39	32	29	25	23	17	12	11	7	7	4	1	0

# ELARA – long term results with Tisa Cel

Median FU 29 mo



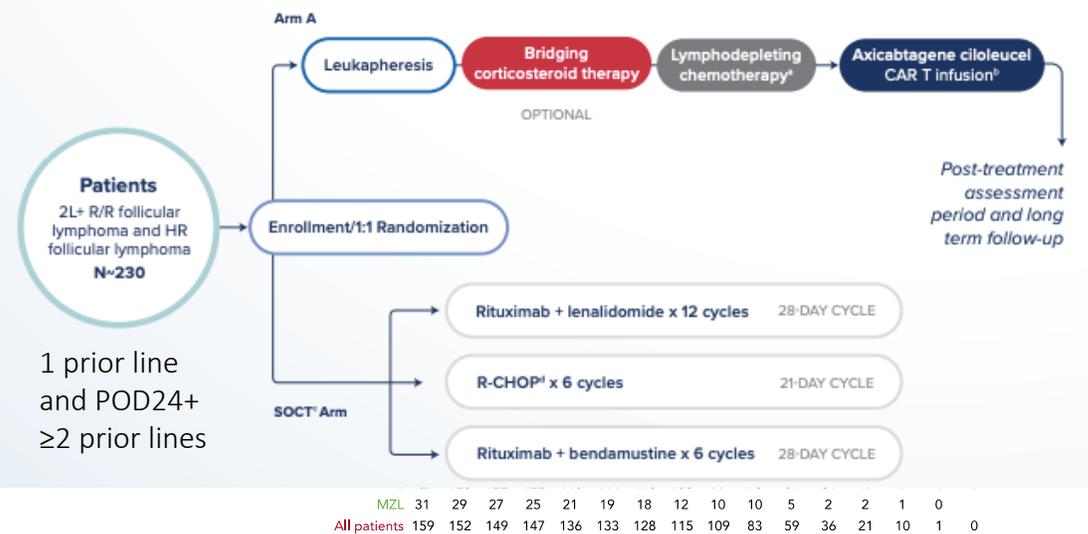
Dreyling M et al, Blood 2024 doi: 10.1182/blood.2023021567

# ZUMA 5 – long term results with Axi Cel

Median FU 40 mo

## ZUMA-22: A Phase 3 Randomized, Open-Label, Multicenter Study Evaluating the Efficacy of Axicabtagene Ciloleucel Versus Standard of Care Therapy in Subjects With Relapsed/Refractory Follicular Lymphoma

### Study Design<sup>1-3</sup>

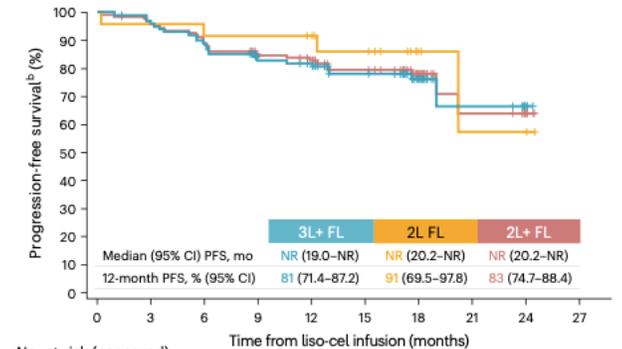


MZL	31	29	27	25	21	19	18	12	10	10	5	2	2	1	0
All patients	159	152	149	147	136	133	128	115	109	83	59	36	21	10	1

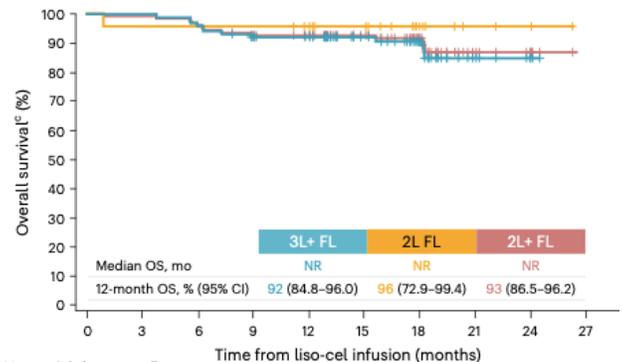
Neelapu S et al, Blood 2024, 143 (6):496-506

# TRANSCEND FL – results with Liso Cel

Median FU 17.5- 17.8 mo



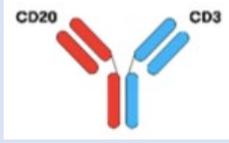
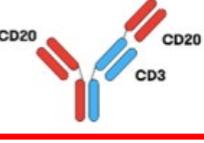
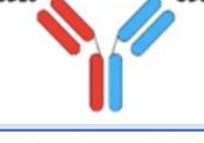
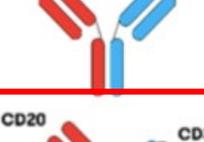
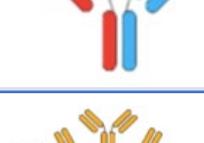
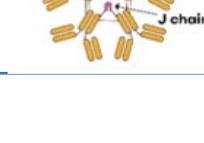
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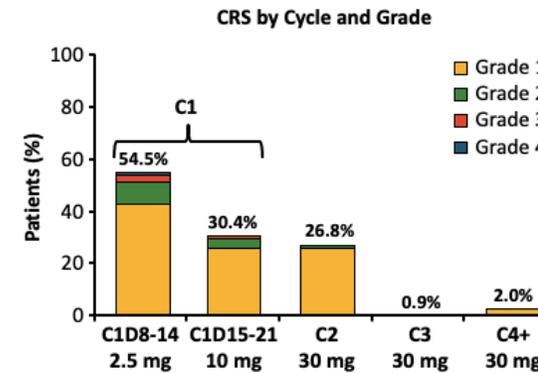
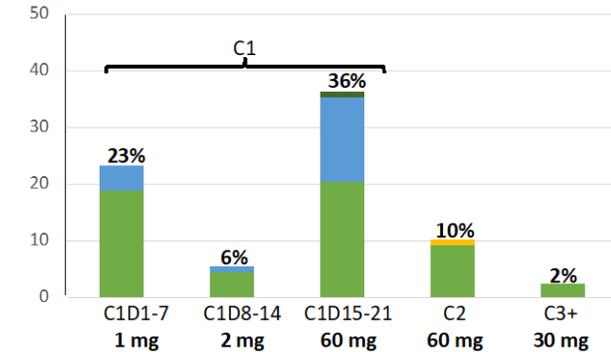
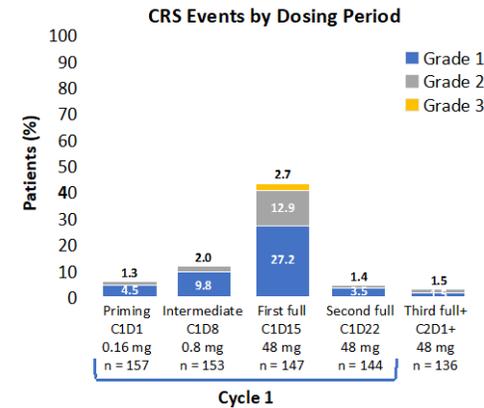
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Morschhauser F et al, Nat Med 2024, 30: 2199-2207

# CD3-CD20 bispecific antibodies for B cell lymphomas

Antibody	Structure	Format	Administration
<b>Mosunetuzumab</b>		IgG1	IV ou SC
<b>Glofitamab</b>		IgG1	IV
<b>Epcoritamab</b>		IgG1	SC
<b>Odronextamab</b>		IgG4	IV or SC
<b>Plamotamab</b>		IgG1	IV or SC
<b>Invotamab</b>		IgM	IV

## CRS



- Neurotoxicity
- Neutropenia
- Hipogamaglobulinemia
- Infections
- Tumor flare
- Tumor lysis

# The future of bispecific antibodies: combinations and earlier use

Mosun (sc) + Lenalidomide 1L (phase 1b, n=40 pts)

Mosun sc (5>>45 mg) x 12 cycles (28d)

Maint 8/8w x 9

Lena 20mg/d x 21/28d x 12

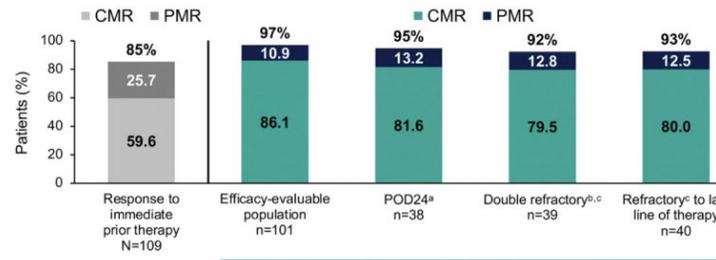
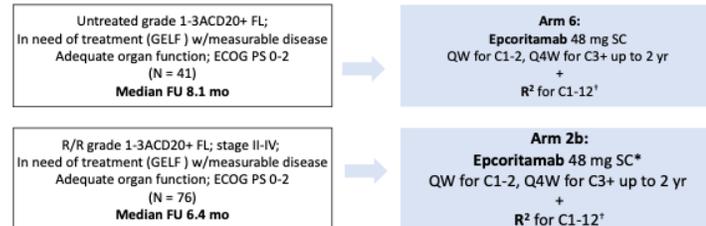
ORR    CR (37 pts)	91.9%    89.2%
CRS (all G 1-2)	50% (cycle 1)

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Mosunetuzumab sc +  
Lenalidomide  
**Compared to** Anti-  
CD20 Antibody +  
Chemotherapy  
in 1L Follicular  
Lymphoma FLIPI 2-5  
**(MORNINGLYTE)**

NCT04712097  
Mosunetuzumab iv +  
Lenalidomide  
**Compared to**  
Rituximab  
Lenalidomide  
in RR Follicular  
Lymphoma in need of  
treatment  
**(CELESTIMO)**

Morschhauser F et al, *Blood* (2023) 142 (Supplement 1): 605.

EPCORE ph 1-2 NHL 2 (NCT04663347)



Sureda A, et al. *Hemasphere*. 2023;7 (Suppl ):e5547136.

Belada, ICML 2023, abst 84

OLYMPIA 1 (NCT06091254) and 2 (NCT06097364)

Odronextamab for 6 cycles  
followed by odronextamab maintenance

CIT\* for 6 cycles  
followed by rituximab maintenance

Odronextamab + CHOP/CVP for 6 cycles  
no maintenance

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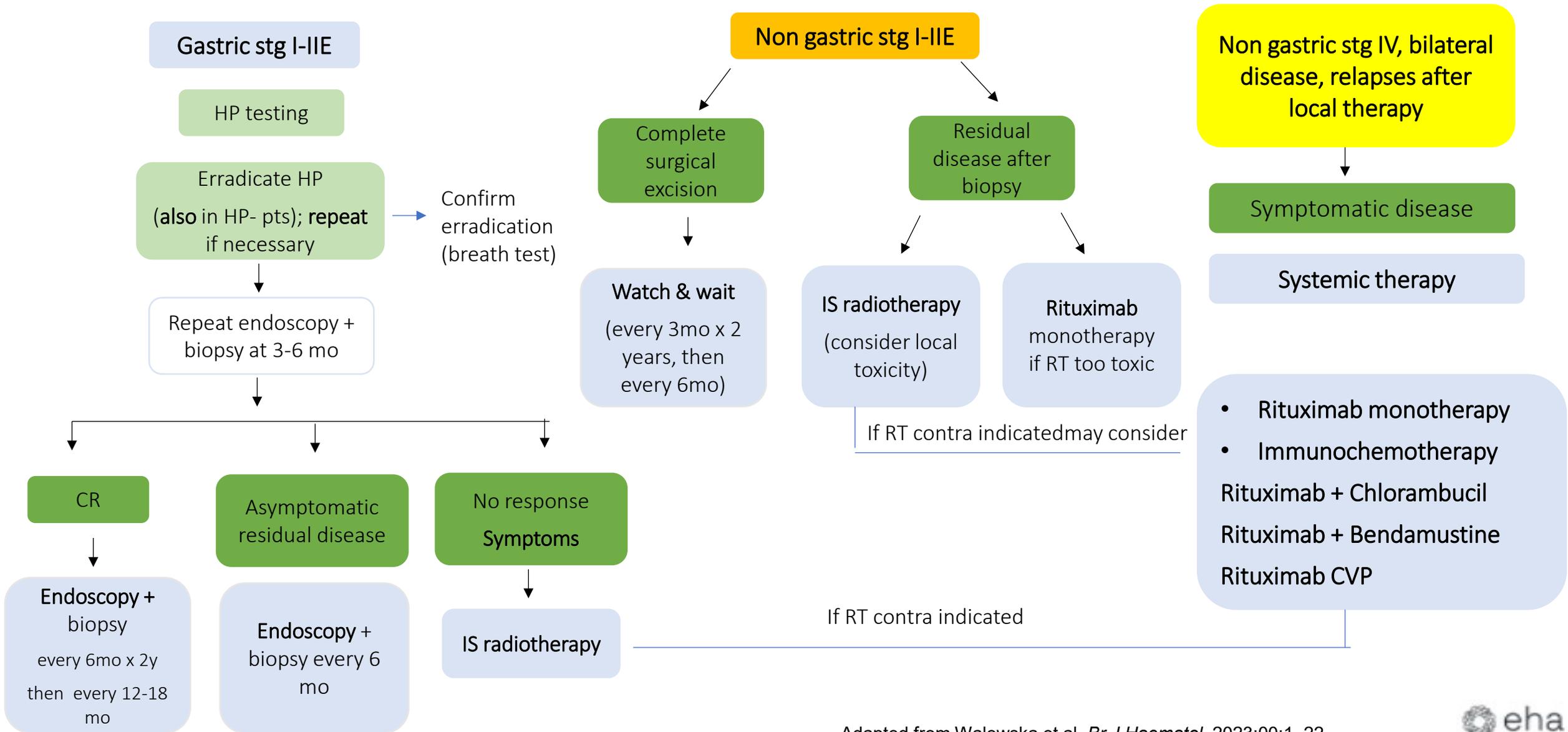
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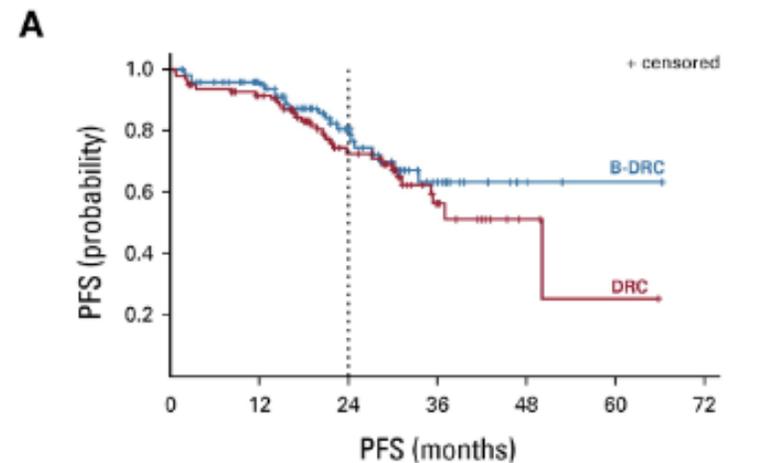
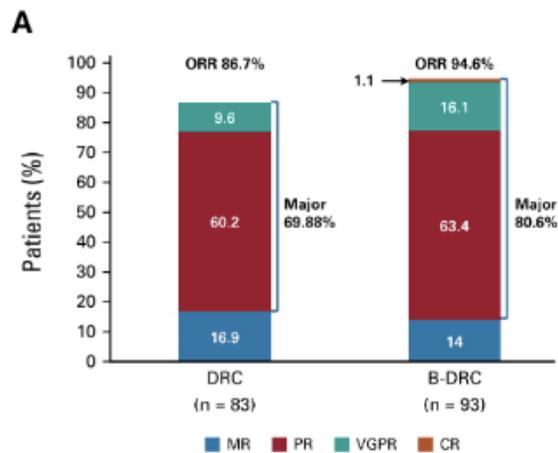
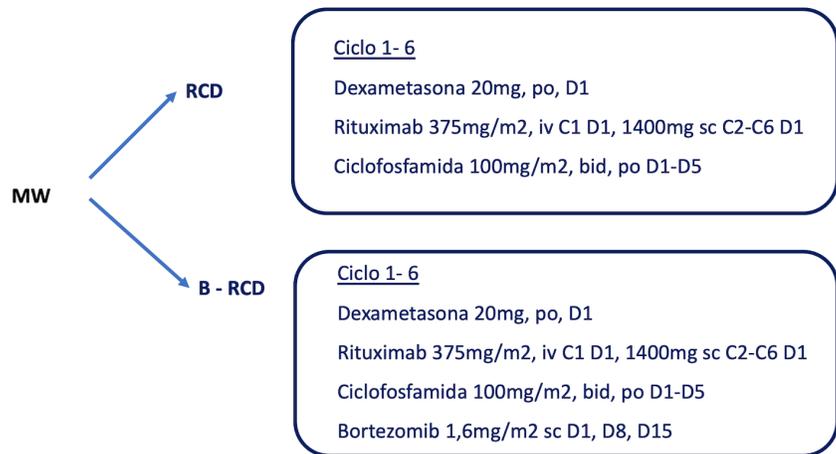
# Staging of gastric MALT lymphoma

Lugano staging system		TNM (or Paris) staging system	Disease extension
Stage I	I <sub>1</sub> : confined to mucosa or submucosa	T1 N0 M0	Mucosal or submucosal layer
	I <sub>2</sub> : confined to muscularis propria or serosa	T2 N0 M0	Muscularis propria
		T3 N0 M0	Serosa
Stage II	II <sub>1</sub> : extending into abdomen with local nodal involvement	T1-3 N1 M0	Perigastric lymph nodes
	II <sub>2</sub> : extending into abdomen with distant nodal involvement	T1-3 N2 M0	More distant regional lymph nodes
Stage IIE	Penetration of serosa to involve adjacent organs or tissues	T4 N0 M0	Adjacent structures
Stage IV	Disseminated extranodal involvement or concomitant supradiaphragmatic involvement	T1-4 N3 M0	Lymph nodes on both sides of the diaphragm
		T1-4 N0-3 M1	Bone marrow invasion, additional extranodal sites

# Therapeutic options for EMZL

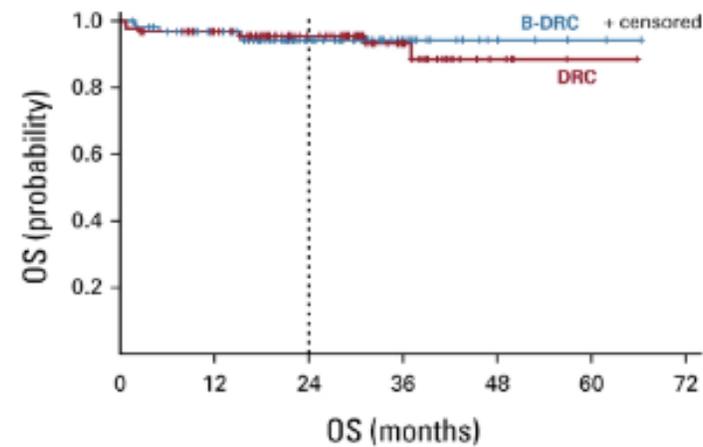


# Is it worth to combine proteasome inhibitors with alkylating agents in WM?



No. at risk:

	0	12	24	36	48	60	72
B-DRC	102	83	42	14	3	1	0
DRC	100	81	44	17	3	1	0



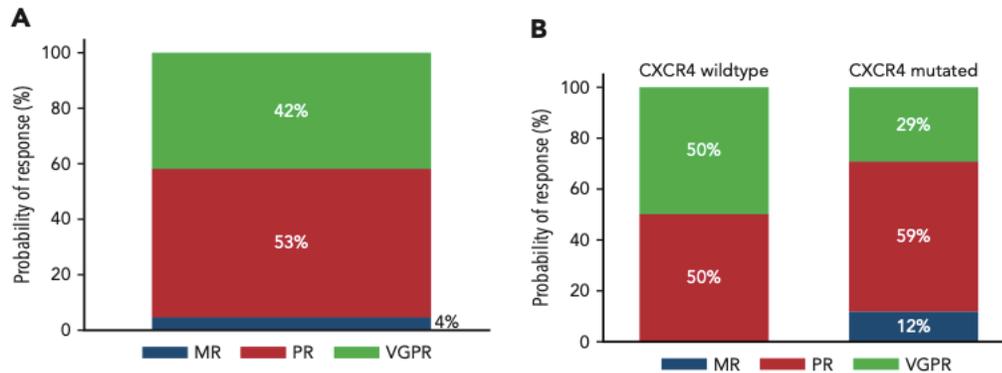
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DRC	100	84	56	26	5	1	0

# Fixed duration combinations including BTK inhibitors

## Ibrutinib and venetoclax as primary therapy in symptomatic, treatment-naïve Waldenström macroglobulinemia

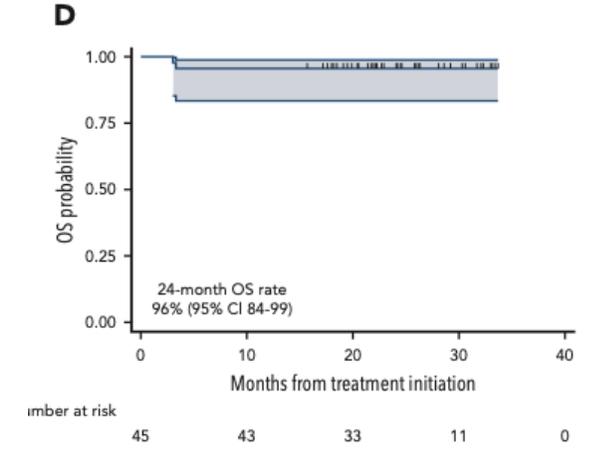
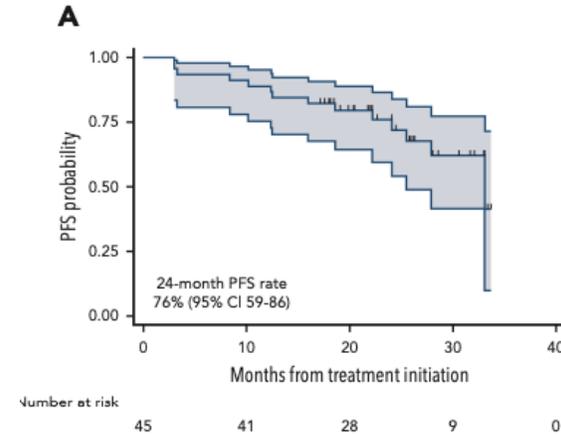
Castillo J et al, Blood 2024, 143: 582



N=45 TN pts, median 67yo  
 17/45 pts with CXCR4 mut  
 Planned 24 cycles (median time on treatment 10,2 mo)  
 VGPR 42%



Combinations using less toxic agents:  
**Pirtobrutinib plus Venetoclax for RR WM (NCT05734495)**



- Grade ≥3 AE:  
 38% neutropenia  
 9% mucosites  
 7% TLS
- AF 9%
- Ventricular arrhythmias  
 9% (2 fatal)

